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JUAN ANTONIO RIOS

### Rios' Election Seen Chilean Blow to Axis

Wins by 55,000 Votes;  
See Break Near  
With Axis

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 2 (UP).—The election of Juan Antonio Rios, Presidential candidate of the Anti-Fascist Democratic Front, was regarded today as a triumph for Chile's pro-democratic forces, and observers predicted one of the first acts of his regime would be to sever all relations with the Axis.

Rios, a Radical, defeated his pro-Axis opponent, Gen. Carlos Ibanez del Campo, by 55,945 votes in yesterday's election—which was one of the quietest in many years. Within 60 days he will be inaugurated for a six-year term, succeeding Pedro Aguirre Cerda, who died in November.

In view of his sweeping triumph and his pre-election support of the United States and its allies, many observers believed Chile soon would break with the Axis in accordance with the resolution approved at the Rio de Janeiro conference of foreign ministers. Nineteen American nations already have severed relations with the Axis, leaving Chile and Argentina the only holdouts.

### Nazis Execute Six in Paris, Exile 100

VICHY, Feb. 2 (UP).—German authorities in Paris announced today that six persons had been shot and that 100 others were marked for deportation to eastern Europe as a result of attacks against the German Army during January.

The Bern (Switzerland) radio said last night that German authorities in Paris shot six persons and deported 100 to the east in retaliation for six anti-Nazi incidents during January.

The broadcast, recorded at the United Press listening post, said there were "attempts with the aid of explosives against German Army installations" on Jan. 7, 9, 16 and 28, and that there were revolver attacks against members of the German Army on Jan. 18 and 20.

### Minister to Iraq Dies

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Feb. 2 (UP).—Paul Knabenshue, 59, United States Minister to Iraq, died in his legation yesterday.



## SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN, U.S.S.R. VITAL FOR VICTORY, KNOX TELLS SENATE

### 'Germans, Free Germany of Nazi Guilt,' Plead Country's Leading Anti-Fascists

MOSCOW, Feb. 2.—The smashing defeats of Nazi armies on the Eastern Front means that the hour is at hand for the German people to participate in Hitler's downfall, declares an appeal signed by 60 leading personalities of pre-Hitler Germany.

Among the signers of the stirring appeal are leading writers and artists such as Friedrich Wolf, Johannes R. Becher, Willy Brendel and many others. Nineteen former members of the German Reichstag and many trade union leaders also signed the plea.

The appeal follows:  
Seized by the deepest alarm for the German people,

for its honor and future, for its very existence as a great nation, we indict Hitler.

What has this hangman done to our Germany! Native land of Goethe and Schiller, of Bach and Beethoven, Humboldt and Helmholtz, Hegel, Marx and Engels, the country of the monuments of lofty culture and achievements of human genius, which at one time had gained the respect of the whole world by its talents, its high moral principles, the constructive labor of German thinkers and scholars, of German workers and peasants—this Germany has now become surrounded by the hatred and contempt of nations. Our people have become the tool of unheard-of villainy;

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### 26 Billion Navy Bill Unanimously Approved

LEND-LEASE AID UP

### Navy Secretary Warns of Need to Fight War On Two Oceans

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told the Senate Appropriations Committee in testimony made public today that the administration regards as "critically important" in the prosecution of the war the maintenance of supply lines between this country and Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

"Knox said that the job of keeping the sea lanes in the North Atlantic open to the two major European allies of the United States is an engaging part of a naval force."

The \$26,485,344,474 Naval supply bill, largest single war appropriation in history and keynote of President Roosevelt's Arms-for-Victory program, was approved, meanwhile, unanimously by the Senate today after a scant two hours of debate.

The measure was sent back to the House for concurrence in Senate amendments which added \$6,500,000,000 to the lower chamber's original total.

In its present form the bill endorses immediate expenditure of \$9,000,000,000 and authorizes totaling \$14,000,000,000 for the 1942 fiscal year beginning July 1. It projects construction of 24,354 naval planes this year and carries funds to speed construction of 332 combat vessels and scores of auxiliary ships.

Knox made this statement last Thursday in explaining to the committee the need for the appropriation for additional ships and planes for the distribution of the assets of an American branch of a Soviet Russian insurance company.

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The decision was looked upon as important not only for its effect on the Litvinov understanding but because it bears on the general relationship between international agreements made by the executive branch of the government and state statutes.

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Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone and Justice Felix Frankfurter wrote (Continued on Page 4)

## Timoshenko Retakes Rail City In Ukraine; Pushes to Dnieper

### New Rochelle Mayor Protests Rail Increase

### Mayor Church to File Brief Against 10% Commuter Boost

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Mayor Stanley W. Church announced today that he was filing with the Public Service Commission to-day a protest against the New York, New Haven and Hartford's application for a ten per cent increase in commuter rates.

In support of his protest the mayor pointed out that in 1925 the New Haven received a 40 per cent increase and is making more money today than ever before. The railroad's profits during 1941 were 35 per cent over those for the previous year.

The mayor had originally intended to ask the City Council to approve a resolution opposing the increase. However, in view of the fact that the Public Service Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning, he has sent the protest in his own name, to have it in the commission's hands in time.

Tuesday night the mayor and corporation counsel of Mount Vernon, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye, Harrison, Port Chester and the three Pelham communities are to meet with Mayor Church to plan united action against the increase.

### Say 'War Time' For New Clock Schedule—FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—President Roosevelt has suggested that the term "war time" be used when the nation's clocks are advanced one hour on Feb. 9 instead of the usual "daylight saving time." The White House disclosed today.

### Soviets Occupy Gavriloivka; Gain In All Sectors; Give Up Feodosiya

MOSCOW, Feb. 2 (UP).—Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's Army of the Ukraine, driving toward the Dnieper bend in forced marches through deep snow, was reported today to have expanded its salient south with the capture of Gavriloivka, railroad town 30 miles east of Lozovaia.

A late night communique said that some days ago the Soviet troops in the Crimea gave up Feodosiya, Black Sea port at the base of the Kerch Peninsula and one of the first landing points in the counter-invasion of the Crimea five weeks ago.

The communique said the Soviet Arctic Fleet had sunk three more German transports in the Barents Sea. Soviet submarines and warships striking repeatedly at the enemy supply lines in the Far North, have been credited with destroying more than 40 vessels.

"Our troops continued offensive operations against the fascists Monday," the High Command announced. "In a number of sectors the Hitlerites launched counterattacks which were repulsed. The enemy sustained heavy losses in equipment and manpower."

(The London radio quoted unofficial reports of strong fighting on

the Volkhov River below Leningrad where the Red Army objective "seems to be the city of Novgorod," north of Lake Ilmen.)

A Red Army vanguard captured Lozovaia, only 85 miles from the Dnieper and 70 miles south of Kharkov, four days ago, and has been reported advancing steadily ever since.

(The London radio reported that the Red Army was within 31 miles of Dnepropetrovsk, great industrial center on the river bend.

Soviet troops have started a mass attack on Kharkov, second city of the Ukraine long reported menaced by the Soviet offensive, the London radio reported in a broadcast heard by the National Broadcasting Company.)

The Soviet High Command reported new gains on every section

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### Powell Moves to End Jim-Crow College Stand

### Resolution to Council Will Demand Negroes On City Faculties

By Harry Raymond

A Clayton Powell, Laborite and lone Negro member of the City Council, announced yesterday he would introduce a resolution in the Council today calling on the Mayor, the Board of Higher Education and presidents of the four city-owned colleges to take action to end discrimination against Negro educators.

Councilman Powell pointed out that the official list of 2,230 faculty members of the municipal colleges is not a single Negro on the teaching staffs.

He said he will urge that teaching vacancies existing today in City College, Hunter College, Brooklyn College and Queens College be filled by Negro educators.

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SECRETARY OF NAVY KNOX

### U. S.-Soviet Pact Aired In Court Test

### Tribunal Rules States Cannot Alter U. S. Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—The Supreme Court, in a significant decision on foreign relations, ruled today that a Presidential determination of foreign policy is binding on the courts and may not be overruled by any state.

Justice William O. Douglas delivered the 5 to 2 decision which held that the so-called Litvinov agreement of 1933, by which the United States renewed diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, gave the Government the right to participate in the distribution of assets of an American branch of a Soviet Russian insurance company.

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Canada Moves to Send  
Envoy to Soviet Union

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (UP).—Canada has opened negotiations with the Soviet Union for an exchange of diplomatic representatives, Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today.

The Prime Minister said that the negotiations were being carried on through Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador in London, but due to the illness of Maisky no definite decisions have been reached.

The action is interpreted as a move toward complete recognition of the Soviet Government by Canada.

### MacArthur Drives Back Strong Japanese Pincer Attack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—American flying fortresses have joined in the defense of Singapore by blasting Japanese airdromes in Malaya, the War Department said tonight.

It also reported new American victories in the battles of Macassar Strait and the Philippines.

Four big American bombers en route to attack Japanese shipping in Balikpapan Harbor, Dutch Borneo, shot down nine enemy planes in a savage dogfight that cost Uncle Sam's forces only one plane.

In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men shattered a huge Japanese pincer movement designed crush his defenders on Bataan Peninsula. "Heavy losses" were inflicted on the enemy.

American ships, going to the aid of besieged Singapore, hammered Japanese-held Malayan air fields at Kuala Lumpur and Kuantan—from which the enemy has launched aerial thrusts at the big British naval bastion.

Poor visibility made it impossible to determine the results of these raids, a department communique said. All the American planes returned safely.

Balikpapan is the oil port where part of a 100-ship Japanese invasion fleet took refuge during the furious battle of Macassar Strait last week.

FLEET INFLICTED HEAVY  
DAMAGE ON BASES.

HONOLULU, Feb. 2 (UP).—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, announced today that combat vessels of all types participated in the attack on Japanese naval and air bases in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands and said it was "certain" that extensive damage was done.

Only slight damage was suffered by the attacking force which carried out its large-scale, prearranged plan "successfully."

Expressing regret that further details could not be revealed immediately, Nimitz commended the performance of officers and men "of all units concerned" and said he was pleased particularly with the "vigorous action of commanders in putting their attacks home."

The first major offensive attack by the U. S. Pacific fleet, announced in Washington late Sunday, prompted rejoicing throughout the islands. It was the first actual American reply to the Japanese sneak attack on Hawaii eight weeks ago.

Informed quarters said the strategic importance of the American attack was heightened by knowledge—that the Japanese have been concentrating attack units in the Marshalls and Gilberts. From these islands, the quarters said, the Japanese would be in position to harass Allied sea traffic in the Pacific.

SINGAPORE GUNS SINK  
JAPANESE TROOPSHIP

SINGAPORE, Feb. 2 (UP).—Three Japanese troop-carrying vessels approaching Singapore Island in the first naval feat at this beleaguered fortress were revealed today to have run into a coastal defense barrage which sent one to the bottom and put the others to flight.

The marauding vessels were identified only as "small craft" by a military spokesman who said they were laden with troops apparently seeking a foothold on the coast.

Imperial guardsmen ringing the island against just such an eventual permitted them to approach within small arms range. A burst of machine gun fire sank one of the vessels and the others turned tail and beat a hasty retreat.

British artillery studding the north shore of the island blasted ceaselessly at the Japanese army of 20,000 or more, massing on the mainland across Johore Strait, concentrating on the jungle roads which crisscrossed with men and equipment.

The Japanese air force stepped up its aerial siege to a new peak of intensity, evidently trying to soften up the Imperial defenses, but casualties among the Australian, Indian and British garrison were slight. Some damage was acknowledged by the Singapore Command.

It was the first report of Japanese vessels approaching Singapore Island itself. Though obviously on a

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314 Days in Prison: Wire Pres. Roosevelt to Free Earl Browder



# Will Give Foe No Rest, Utter Destruction Is Our Goal -- Red Star

## Stalin's Plan Calls for Speeding Up Offensive to Balk-Nazi Spring Plan

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 2.—The success of Premier Joseph Stalin's strategic plan for smashing the German army before it has a chance to reorganize its forces depends on speeding up the present offensive, Red Star, the Red Army's own newspaper declared yesterday.

Outlining the main tasks before the Soviet armed forces, the paper declared that the essence of Stalin's plan is to give the enemy no rest to regain a foothold in newly fortified positions.

Despite the severe winter conditions and the stubborn German resistance, the paper added, the tempo of the Soviet advance at present is higher than that of the Germans between June and November.

### NAZIS SPRING PLAN

It points out that the retreating Nazis are attempting to hold up the Soviet offensive so they can go over to the offensive in the spring.

Evidently the Germans calculate to gather the forces for this offensive from the remnants of their routed divisions and from their reserves.

Therefore they are desperately seeking a breathing space until spring in order to safeguard their manpower and organize their reserves.

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## THE COPPERHEAD



—From the Chicago Sun.

## Red Army Retakes Ukrainian Rail City

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of the battlefield. Twenty-three localities were reclaimed on the Central Front, while in the Volynsk salient northwest of Moscow a strategic point was taken in a battle in which 380 German were killed.

Gavrilovka fell to the Red Army after a fierce two-day battle. Soviet cavalry, infantry and tank units stormed the town and drove out the Germans despite the intervention of a large formation of dive-bombers which undertook to relieve the beleaguered garrison.

The capture of the town gave Timoshenko another strong anchor for the salient driven more than 80 miles into the German lines and increased the threat to the Axis armies along the Sea of Azov, whose communications already had been shaken badly.

There were signs here that important announcements regarding the second phase of the Ukrainian offensive might be forthcoming soon as a result of the rapid advance toward the Dnieper. The Soviet authorities, as customary, were withholding reports of individual successes until they could release a balance sheet summing up the gains.

The Red Army was pressing on so swiftly that Timoshenko was leaving small detachments behind to seek out and crush the German rear guards entrenched in strong points. It was a coordinated push by Soviet infantry, tanks, artillery and aviation, rolling on against the German efforts to match footholds along ridges, rivers and defense lines prepared in the last three months.

Reoccupation of the Dnieper line, at least in part, before spring was regarded in Soviet military quarters as an imperative strategic necessity. The explanation lay in an editorial by the Soviet army organ Red Star which said that reclamation of the Dnieper line would give Timoshenko a first rate line along which to halt the expected German spring offensive aimed at the Caucasus.

In addition, the Dnieper position would enable the Soviet forces to drive southward and force a general German retreat in the southern Ukraine and the Crimea.

The Leningrad radio reported that Soviet units were penetrating the German lines with considerable success. More than 150 Germans were killed Sunday in fighting for two villages on the Leningrad front, the radio said, while a company of elite German Guards was "completely wiped out" in a battle for another village.

Dispatches from the Far North said that on the Murmansk front the Germans had been hard hit by the sinking of four ships carrying supplies and reinforcements.

## CIO Leaders On Air Tonight in Beat Hitler Week

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Allan S. Haywood, CIO organization director, and Mrs. Faye Stephenson, president of the CIO Congress of Women's Auxiliaries, will share the microphone in the coast to coast broadcast tonight at 8:30 P. M., which officially opens "Beat Hitler Week."

The broadcast will be heard over the Columbia network.

"Beat Hitler Week" is sponsored by the CIO Women's Auxiliaries and will be marked throughout the nation by meetings and demonstrations in support of the war effort and urging increased production.

In New York City 1,000 auxiliary women will participate in a "Beat Hitler" tagday, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The tagday will be conducted in cooperation with the British-American Ambulance Corps.

## President Asks Half Billion Loan to China

### Grant Would Benefit 'Common War Effort,' Says Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—President Roosevelt today asked Congress to implement lend-lease aid to China with a \$500,000,000 loan so that China can function "with great military effectiveness in our common effort."

He made the request in identical letters to Vice President Henry A. Wallace, presiding officer of the Senate, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn. The "urgent need" for extending financial aid to China, he said, was brought to his attention by responsible officials of the two governments.

"I believe that such additional assistance would serve to strengthen China's position as regards both her internal economy and her capacity in general to function with great military effectiveness in our common effort," the President wrote.

He did not make his request until he had received assurance from Republican and Democratic congressional leaders that the proposal would have bipartisan support.

### A Correction

A news report published in yesterday's Daily Worker of remarks made by Robert Minor, Acting Secretary of the Communist Party, in a speech at the National Council of the Young Communist League, contained a technical error. Several words were inadvertently omitted from the passage of Minor's speech, referring to the recent conviction of George Hill, a secretary of Hamilton Fish, United States Congressman from New York of perjury in connection with the investigation of propaganda favorable to the German government being sent through the mails under Congressional frank. Thereby the incorrect impression was given that Minor said that Fish himself worked "under the direction of George Sylvester Viereck, paid agent and registered agent of the Hitler government." The Daily Worker regrets the error.



FREE FRENCH PILOT WITH THE RAF: This aviator, masked to prevent identification by the Nazis, is a Free French fighter squadron pilot serving with the British Royal Air Force. Behind him as he waves to a comrade in the air flies the flag of Free France.

## British Fight To Stem Nazis West of Derna

### Barce Evacuated As Nazis Push East From Benghazi

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (UP).—Gen. Erwin Rommel's armored spearheads, a British communication reported today, have driven back to positions only 50 to 100 miles west of Derna in a sweep that has carried them more than 100 miles across rugged desert terrain from Benghazi.

The communication reported that the Fourth Indian Division evacuated Barce, 100 miles west of Derna, and is falling back under pressure of an Axis attack "in considerable strength."

At Slonta, a position in the rugged desert 50 miles southeast of Barce and only 60 miles southwest of Derna heavy fighting was in progress with the 11th Indian Infantry Brigade counter-attacking an Axis column. The counter-attack was reported to have checked the German advance.

The Royal Air Force carried out heavy attacks on Axis land convoys of trucks and troops, particularly in the Aghella and Agedabia areas.

The 11th Indian Brigade was falling back slowly, fighting a continuous rearguard action, the communication indicated.

The brigade was said to have counter-attacked the German advance forces Saturday at Maraua, 20 miles west of Slonta. It then fell back to Slonta and counter-attacked again.

Despite the advance of Axis spearheads at Slonta and Barce, British forces still were carrying out heavy action far to the rear of these points. Mobile British forces attacked the Germans northeast of Maus.

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# On the War Fronts

(AS OF FEBRUARY 1st)

By A VETERAN COMMANDER

The Japanese have made a desperate attempt to take Corregidor by direct invasion, but their barge and launch flotilla has been smashed by the big guns of the fortress and its forts. Meanwhile, a heavy attack of General MacArthur's lines has been repulsed (this is the seventh Japanese large scale attack against Bataan).

The siege of Singapore has begun. It appears that 60,000 British and other Allied troops have crossed over from Malaya into Singapore. This would mean that during the retreat from the Thai border the British were outnumbered no less than 2 to 1 with the Japanese mustering about 125,000. In other words the Japanese hurled against Singapore about half of the number of men they sent against MacArthur.

The Japanese are spreading their attacks against the outer belt of the East Indies by raiding the island of Timor between Java and the northern tip of Australia. Thus a distinct threat to Darwin has developed.

There is no news from the Rangoon area.

The United States Navy has struck a blow at half a dozen Japanese island bases on the Gilbert and Marshall Islands which lie athwart the sea lanes from Hawaii to Australia. Although no large fighting craft were encountered, the bases were destroyed and a number of supply and auxiliary vessels put out of commission. The fact that 11 American planes did not return from the expeditions shows that the Japanese attached considerable importance to these bases and had strong anti-aircraft defenses there.

Out in Libya things are not going well. Von Rommel's troops have pushed almost to Barce and it looks as if the British were making ready to evacuate the hump of Cirenaica.

The Red Army counter-offensive is rolling forward in a number of sectors of the front. The thrust toward the great bend of the Dnieper is amazing in its scope. The three-column pattern of Marshal Timoshenko's onslaught which had appeared in the making in early December, has reappeared. Soviet troops have pushed the Germans clear across the Kalmius River at the mouth of which lies Mariupol. Thus the German group in Taganrog is completely surrounded.

Simultaneously a Soviet Army is driving in the direction of Tokmak (this is where Berestovaya was taken two days ago). This column is well in advance of the first one.

The third and main blow is being delivered against the Dniepropetrovsk-Zaporozhye line at the apex of the bend of the Dnieper with the railroad junction of Stelnikovo as the next objective. It is important to remember that Zaporozhye is the railroad key to the entire Crimea which has only one line running north through Melitopol to that junction.

On the Central front it appears that seven Soviet divisions are driving south from Byelyi toward Smolensk.

The Germans had one bit of luck on the Eastern Front: they seem to have succeeded in repelling a heavy Soviet attack on Veliky Luki.

The siege of Leningrad is obviously partly lifted, for clothing and food has arrived from Moscow and is being distributed by a specially formed agency. This might mean that the Germans in Schlusselburg have been isolated.

Soviet communication have again reverted to complete silence on localities. This doubtless presages the development of huge operations.

Soviet submarines have sunk four more German transports in the Barents Sea. Total tonnage—20,000 tons.

[Note: This department has just discovered on a special map that the town of Berestovaya is not west of Mariupol and north of the Sea of Azov as most of the newspapers located it on their maps, but is a rail and road junction some 40 miles southeast by east of Poltava. Thus the strategic mystery of the offensive of the Red Army 120 miles west of Taganrog seems to be solved. Marshal Timoshenko thus has deeply outflanked Kharkov by way of Krasnodar.]

## Camacho Distributes Land to Speed Crops

### Idle Lands of Rich Estates Decreed for Peasants; Push Hemp Aid to U. S.

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 2.—In order to speed agricultural production, President Camacho last week ordered the distribution of 885,000 acres of land, previously belonging to large estates and hence virtually idle, to 3,295 peasant families.

The presidential decree was announced by Agriculture Minister Fernando Fajardo Miramontes. At the same time the President conferred title to 938 parcels of land for collective farming operations.

Meanwhile another measure benefiting peasants developed in the state of Yucatan when the governor of that state announced that a recent decision returning certain "estates" to their owners of 1930 does not deprive the peasants of their holdings on those lands.

The property in question, the governor explained, involves 29 haciendas (a hemp substitute) processing plants and the order applies to the plants alone and not to the surrounding farm lands.

Due to the impossibility to secure Manila hemp under the present conditions existing in the Philippines, the Mexican henequen is again a sought-for product in the United States. The first shipment of 800 carloads, representing a value of \$2,000,000, is now being assembled. It is reported.

Oil workers, too, are making efforts to speed production. Workers employed by the Veracruz Oil Company, are charging that they are hindered in their efforts because the company is owned by Japanese. They demand the immediate expropriation of the properties in satisfaction of a 17,000 peso lien.

According to the report, the claim is signed by 150 employees who maintain "that the company's owners are 'Japanese fifth columnists.' Their demands have been filed with the labor courts."

**Sink Nazi Sub**  
Horta, Azore Islands, Feb. 2 (UP).—Destroyers of unknown nationality sank a German submarine at dawn today a few miles south of Pico Island, not far from here.

**2 Die in Halifax In 2-Day Blizzard**  
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 2 (UP).—The worst blizzard in 35 years swept this city last week, killing two persons and paralyzing transportation. It is possible to reveal today with a lifting of the censorship on the news.

# THE RIO CONFERENCE—AND AFTER

By James S. Allen

The Inter-American Conference of Rio de Janeiro is an important link in the growing worldwide consolidation of the anti-Axis coalition.

In the weeks since Japan opened the new Far Pacific front of the Axis war for world domination, great steps have been made in the direction of a full military and political alliance between the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, China and their Allies.

The main landmarks were the military conferences in Washington, Moscow and Chungking, and the Declaration of the United Nations, in which 26 anti-Hitler governments pledge all their resources and cooperation to assure victory over the Axis, while promising not to make a separate peace.

The Rio Conference is still another landmark on the road to closer world collaboration. Its great significance is that it has accelerated the participation of the Latin American countries in the anti-Axis bloc. Before the Conference, nine Central American republics had already declared war against the Axis, and three Caribbean countries—Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia—had broken diplomatic relations with the Hitler powers. As a result of the Inter-American Conference seven additional republics of South America have severed relations, leaving only two—Argentina and Chile—who have not yet done so, although their delegations are on record in favor of the resolution recommending such action be taken.

The importance of these actions should not be underestimated. Nineteen of the 21 American Republics are now fully committed to support of the Anti-Axis world front, a step necessary for their own security, for the safety of the hemisphere, and of great value to our own defense. Additional Latin American governments have also taken the first serious steps against the Fifth Column, and all the republics have agreed to cooperate in concerted action against the Axis agents within their own countries.

The Conference also made progress towards solving some of the most pressing economic problems hindering effective continental unity against Hitlerism. There was unanimous agreement on the recommendation to sever commercial and financial relations with the Axis, which, among other things, includes the seizure of supervision of Axis-controlled business enterprises. At this recommendation is put into effect. It undoubtedly plays a great role in further circumscribing the activities of the Fifth Column, at the same time stimulating through the nationalization of such enterprises, the development of the national war economy of each country.

Similarly, steps were taken leading towards the organized utilization of the resources of the Western Hemisphere in the anti-Hitler war, including stimulation of the production of strategic war materials, coordination of inter-American shipping services, allocation by the United States under the priorities system of materials essential for the Latin American countries, and by agreement between them to facilitate trade. At the same time,

some commitments were made by the United States looking towards the encouragement of the war industries within the Latin American countries.

Other developments of a positive nature which were important by-products of the Conference are: the settlement of the Peruvian-Ecuador border dispute, which threatened to create a serious diversion on the American Pacific; the granting by the United States of lend-lease war materials and additional loans for defense purposes to a number of Republics; steps for closer military cooperation, such as the proposed joint meeting of military staffs, and the joint U. S.-Mexican Defense Commission announced on the eve of the Rio Conference.

The generally positive outcome of the Conference should not be permitted to obscure the tasks which still lie ahead if effective cooperation between the governments and the peoples of the Hemisphere in their own defense and for victory over the Axis is to be achieved. The anti-Axis forces of the Continent cannot afford to be complacent, in the face of some of the serious weaknesses and dangers revealed at Rio de Janeiro.

The main danger which confronts us and the peoples of Latin America is that Hitler will attempt another major diversion, on the style of the new aggression in the Far Pacific, but this time in the Western Hemisphere. His objective will be to still further divert the growing military power and war resources of the United States away from the central fronts in Europe, at the same time seeking

to establish a new base from which to further his drive for world hegemony. For this purpose, he will avail himself of allies in South America, not only his Fifth Column but those governments which he has been able to subvert.

Viewed in this light, the intrasignance of the Castillo government of Argentina forbodes new dangers not only for that country but for the whole Continent. Castillo, who stepped into office through a side door when President Ortiz retired because of illness, has neither popular support or constitutional authority for his foreign policy. The overwhelming majority of the people, including important factors of his own party, are vigorously opposed to his "neutrality" policy, which is merely a cover for his pro-Hitler orientation and his anti-democratic domestic policies. Retired President Ortiz, of the conservative wing of the Radicals, as well as former President Justo, of Castillo's own Conservative Party, have both spoken out against the pro-Axis policies of the government.

To maintain his policy and to prevent the consolidation of the great movement for anti-Axis national unity, Castillo has found it necessary to refuse to convene Congress, to remove the elected officials of a number of important provinces and replace them by his own agents, and to declare a state of siege under which criticism of his own policy and expressions of support to the anti-Hitler world coalition, either through the press or in public meetings, are prohibited. It is true that a number of Nazi agents have been arrested and the Nazi-subsidized sheet El Pampero has been suspended for a number of days, but it is to be

noted that the German Ambassador, who had been "recalled" to report, has found it possible after the Rio Conference to postpone his departure for "another month."

In view of this situation, the conciliatory attitude especially of the U. S. delegation at Rio de Janeiro towards the Argentine position, will not help but will hamper the democratic solution within Argentina of the question of foreign policy. For the sake of unanimous, but only formal, unity on the principal political resolution, important concessions were made to Castillo. It might be said that Castillo won his main point in getting the Conference to merely recommend to each government that they break relations with the Axis, in this way preventing united action at the Conference of all the Republics and throwing the question back into the internal arena of Argentina and Chile, where the situation is reaching a most delicate and critical point.

Castillo's hand has been strengthened by the severe resolution compromise, for it offers him the opportunity to parade as a supporter of continental unity while leaving him free to work for the rejection of the recommendation for breaking off relations. With most of the election machinery already in his hands, with the power to seriously hamper all opponents of his policy under the state of siege, the forthcoming Congressional elections in March present him with the opportunity to "constitutionalize" his coup d'etat.

Nor should one underestimate the

effect of the compromise upon Chile, which is currently having a presidential election. It should be noted that the unity of the former Popular Front forces against the reactionary and pro-fascist candidate Ibanez, and their support, although critical, of Rios, candidate of the Radical Party, undoubtedly influenced the Chilean delegation at Rio in swinging away from the Argentine position. Nevertheless, the compromise resolution has offered Ibanez and his fifth column supporters a staff upon which they can lean while obstructing Chile's participation in the hemisphere and the world anti-Axis front, no matter how the elections turn out or how the Chilean government acts on the severance question before the new candidate takes office.

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# Negro Employment Speeds Coast Ship Production; AFL Union and Gov't Agreement Breaks Jim-Crow

By Jack Young  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Ship construction in the San Francisco Bay region is being speeded today by Negro boilermakers, choppers, caulkers and other skilled workers, as Jim Crow barriers to their employment were removed.

The way for the Negro workmen was cleared in negotiations between representatives of the Negro employment and training branch of the War Production Board and the AFL International Boilermakers Union, Local 39, in Oakland, Calif.

As a result of the negotiations, more than 50 Negro workers have been referred to the Moore Drydock Company and the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation.

Many of them already are at work, according to Dr. Robert C. Weaver, chief of the Negro Employment and Training Branch.

"Expansion of Negro employment in Pacific Coast shipyards was greatly expedited by the public hearings of the President's committee on fair employment practices," he commented.

In addition to the Negroes now working in the ship-

yards, more than 40 more have applied for membership in the Boilermakers Union. The union has advised management that all Negroes asking for work in the future must be accepted.

The induction of Negroes into training courses for upgrading also has been agreed upon by the union, it was announced.

Consequently, unskilled and semi-skilled Negro workers will be able to qualify through training as boilermakers, choppers, slabmen, flangers, caulkers and riggers.

## Nelson Warns Key Materials Must Go for War

Tells Congress Curtailment Now Will Save Much Hardship in Future

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP)—War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson warned Congress today that failure to divert increasing amounts of needed materials to war production now would intensify suffering and loss of life on the battlefields later.

In a report on allocation and distribution of materials requested by the Senate, Nelson promised that every effort would be made to aid "little business" if such actions did not impede war efforts.

"Until final victory is achieved all of this nation's vast resources of men, materials, and machines must be directed to the production of an ever-increasing quantity of war materials at an ever-increasing speed," he said. "There can be no compromise with the achievement of this objective. Everything else is secondary."

Nelson predicted that the degree of control over materials is expected to move from relatively mild types to more complete allocation procedures. He told Congress that a production requirements plan, under which a firm would receive a blanket allocation for three months, probably would take the place of the present system of allocating each single material.

"The limited allotment plan recognizes that the United States is faced with a crucial question in the so-called small-business problems and the closely allied special-hardship problems," he said. "But it also recognizes that these are only part of a much broader problem—what kind of an economy must we have to beat the Axis powers?"

"An economy which puts the war program uncomprehendingly ahead of everything else—and that any form of relief for non-defense requirements must be integrated into the framework of that answer which is now basic national policy."

Accumulations of reserves for future emergencies must involve even further curtailment of less essential civilian uses, he said. The "grim fact" is that these accumulations made now to prevent some suffering and hardship might well have to be paid for by "intensified suffering and loss of life at some later date," he explained.

Special efforts made to assist "little business," he said, included instituting the negotiated contract as against the former system of letting all work to the lowest bidder; sub-contracting written into agreements with prime manufacturers;

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## Free Browder Is Call of 'Win the War' Rallies On East and West Coast; Appeals Pour In to F. D. R.

The 44th week of Earl Browder's imprisonment saw a rising flood of protest pouring in upon the White House in the form of resolutions and letters from all over the country, urging the immediate release of the anti-fascist leader.

In New York last Saturday a "Victory Assembly" called by the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, and attended by more than 400 delegates, unanimously adopted a resolution for Browder's freedom.

The resolution was addressed to the President and declared:

"Many of our members and locals have expressed their desire, to see Mr. Browder freed on the grounds that he has been and will be in the fight for victory against the Axis."

In Los Angeles a mass meeting of 2,000 assembled at a "Win the War" rally coupled birthday greetings to the President with a plea for Browder's immediate release from prison.

"With one hundred and thirty million Americans we wish you a happy sixtieth birthday and pledge our unswerving support to your leadership in the world wide struggle to bring victory over the Axis," a telegram sent by the millions to the President declared. "On this occasion we call upon you to free Earl Browder who has always fought against fascism and who long ago advocated the Union of Nations which is today a reality and who is today imprisoned only because he is a victim of political prejudice. Earl Browder is an American leader and today when our country needs all its leaders most freedom for Browder would be a patriotic contribution to national unification."

In St. Louis, Mo., a Lenin Memorial Meeting of more than 300 people forwarded birthday greetings to President Roosevelt and asked him to free Earl Browder.

"Mr. President, may we take this occasion to request that you exercise your good offices and free Earl Browder, a man who as an American of high talents can be of great help in our struggle against fascism. Your act of freeing Browder will be a further proof of our strength and unity."

Meanwhile, noted individuals everywhere continued to raise their voices in the growing cry for Browder's freedom. In New York City Housing Inspector William H. Smith, the well known Negro leader, urged the President to free the imprisoned Communist leader.

"For upwards of forty years I have come in contact with national leaders of every country in the world," Mr. Smith said in a letter to President Roosevelt. "I have, as a rental agent and as a representative of mortgage holders in the city of New York, and as a public servant, visited their homes. Among these people I have found a great many who in their political think-

### Committee Asks Wires to F.D.R.

The Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder issued a call for wires to President Roosevelt between today and Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, requesting the freedom of Earl Browder.

"The Great Emancipator, symbol of justice and freedom, lives in the heart of America," the statement reads. "In this, our present crisis, the people of America, remember his words and deeds, are guided by his determination that America should be free, united, strong and the finest example to the world of justice and democracy. We call upon liberty loving Americans to wire President Roosevelt between today and Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, to exercise his power of Executive clemency, correcting an injustice in the case of Earl Browder, thereby granting the imprisoned anti-fascist his freedom. The spirit of Lincoln is a living reality. The tradition of the Great Emancipator should remain OUR tradition."

log have been affiliated with the Communist Party."

"I am a churchman, confirmed in Trinity Church and I must say that I believe that those who are allied with the Communist Party have in mind the uplift and betterment of all people, irrespective of race, creed and color. Prior to the commencement of hostilities between our country and the Axis, the cry was: the Reds were Communists and the Communists were Reds... and now we see that the Reds are fighting our fight. I therefore willingly sign the petition asking you, Mr. President to release Earl Browder."

Al Regier, a member of the Executive Board of the Wholesale and Department Store Employees of America, Local 104, this week also petitioned President Roosevelt for Earl Browder's release.

"Without identifying myself with the political views of Mr. Browder," he wrote, "I am firmly convinced that the sentence of four years imposed upon him was far too severe, as the charge was of a purely technical nature, not involving, according to the Government, any question of moral turpitude. The entire trade union movement, Mr. President, is doing its share to destroy the civil Axis powers, so that the cause of justice and liberty may survive and triumph."

"Therefore I join with my fellow trade unionists in appealing to you to exercise your executive power and grant Earl Browder his freedom."

Assemblyman Frank S. Platts de-



Negro Bus Drivers

for city got their official send-off from Mayor LaGuardia at a reception for them last Saturday at City Hall. Present at the ceremony were: left to right, James D. Stewart, John E. McCarthy, president of the bus companies, Mayor LaGuardia, Ulmer D. Hawey and A. Clayton Powell, Negro Councilman. The drivers, first of 100 to be hired by the Fifth Ave. Coach Co. and the New York City Omnibus Company, won their right to jobs after a long struggle against discrimination.

## Fight on Milk Boost to Go to Jersey Court

TRENTON, Feb. 2.—Court and legislative action appeared probable today against Milk Administrator Arthur F. Foran's milk price boost in the Newark area to 17 cents a quart.

The price rise ruling adds a penny a quart to the retail price of milk, making it the highest in the country, according to Assemblywoman Olive S. Sanford. This ruling was arbitrarily made by Foran after a four day hearing before the New Jersey Milk Control Board, ending last Wednesday, in which consumers' groups, trade unions, health authorities, restaurant owners, defense councils, clergymen and even two large milk distributors joined in opposing such a boost.

Mrs. Sanford told the press on Saturday that she had heard an appeal would be made for legislative relief from the 17 cent price. She expressed herself as "very much in favor of a lower price for the consumer."

Assemblyman Frank S. Platts described the administration of Foran as "unsavory," referring to his naming of members of the State Senate and Assembly to well-paid jobs with the Milk Control Board. Meanwhile, the Communist Party of New Jersey issued a statement on the question calling for "an approach eliminating all 'business-as-usual,' all profit as usual attitudes." The Communist statement included the following proposals:

1—That the state legislature should replace the present Milk Control Board with a board made up of representatives of the farmers, labor, distributors, consumers and the government.

2—That a fair-return, assured be guaranteed to the farmers, pricing

## Anti-C.I.O. Fur Group Faces Court Action on Year-Old Greek Relief Fund

With only \$200 of a \$1,696 gross income from a Greek War Relief benefit ball a year ago turned over to proper authorities, Charles Salounias organizer of the AFL-chartered Fur Workers, Local 23,384, must give an accounting in court.

Suit against Salounias and the union was brought by Xenophon Nicolletis, who nine months ago resigned as treasurer of the Ball committee.

Minas S. Pandiris, manager of the New York chapter of the Greek War Relief Assn. said when questioned by the Daily Worker, that only \$200 was received "an account" upon the proceeds of the ball which was held Jan. 10, 1941.

He added that the entire matter is being investigated by officials of the regional office of Greek War Relief with a statement expected soon.

The AFL local was organized by Salounias out of a company-union group he used in strikebreaking efforts during a joint Council and its Greek Local 70 of the CIO, against a number of Greek fur manufacturers in 1940.

Salounias himself was ousted from the CIO union when his company-union schemes were uncovered.

Later he and several others ousted for stool pigeon activity were the chief witnesses against the leaders of the International Fur and Leather Workers in the government's ill-fated anti-trust suit.

The attorney of the Salounias organization is Gustav Gerber, son of the prominent "socialist" Julius Gerber. It was Gustav Gerber who was attorney last September for George G. Schulz one of the 33 defendants in the trial of Nazi spies.

Schulz confessed to his guilt and received a sentence of 18 months and a fine of \$1,000.

Salounias also faces charges in the fur union he created, from former friends. The charges now pending before the local's executive board state that Salounias "violated the public pledge" to devote all proceeds for Greek aid, by diverting funds for other purposes than relief.

"We further charge that funds received by Salounias for the Greek War Relief have not been properly accounted for," the charges continued.

The former treasurer of the local, Gus Karanassos, also resigned in protest against diversion of the Greek relief funds for other purposes.

According to those pressing the charges against Salounias the total income of the ball was \$1,696.54 with some income still outstanding. Of that amount \$863.36 was accounted for as "expenses," for the Ball; \$200 went to the relief agency and a balance of \$433.46 was turned over to the union treasury. As further evidence of the way the funds were used, \$75 of the amount was given to Max Federman for traveling and hotel expenses. Federman was ousted from the Toronto local of the IFLWU in 1937 for misappropriation of funds. He, as Salounias, formed a local of anti-CIO elements and received an AFL charter. His trip to New York shortly after the ball, was on his organization's business.

The Salounias group sought to cloak itself in a Greek relief mantle during the very winter months when Greek forces were heroically driving the Italian fascists out of Albania. The need of medical supplies was extremely urgent in face of the front and mass amputations of frozen legs.

The public appeal for relief, with a promise that "the entire" proceeds would go for the war victims, was part of the effort of the Sa-

lounias group to win a better fate in the public eye.

On the other hand the CIO's Greek Local 70, through a voluntary day's work collection among its members, sent \$9,500 for aid of victims in Greece. The sum was sent through the U. S. minister in Athens, Lincoln McVeagh, who turned it over to the Greek Red Cross. Steve Leonopolis, manager of Greek Local 75, said another sum of nearly \$3,000 is being held in a fund for use just as soon as ways are found for getting it over to victims in Europe.

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# No Slackening Against Hitler, Foster Warns

## 3,000 at Newark Rally Cheer Ford's Appeal for Browder

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 2.—Warning that the greatest danger in the country today is the tendency "to slack up in the struggle against Hitler," William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, told 3,000 people at a Lenin Memorial Meeting at the Mosque Theatre here yesterday that the American troops recently landed in Ireland should be "merely the forerunners of millions of more Americans."

Foster shared the platform at the large meeting with James W. Ford, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, who made a ringing plea for Earl Browder's freedom, which he termed "an absolute necessity in the interest of national unity, morale and democracy."

The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution to President Roosevelt urging Browder's immediate release.

Calling for increased activity against the "main core of the Axis," Foster declared:

"The supreme need of this period is for an Anglo-American offensive from the West. One that, working with the Red Army, would catch Hitler in the fatal trap of a two-front war."

The Anglo-American forces should march from the West until they shake hands with the Red Army marching from the East."

At one point of his speech Foster dealt upon the Rio de Janeiro Conference and the situation in Latin America. While on that topic he called attention to the fact that the trade unions, student organizations, Communist Parties, and other organizations of the people all over Latin America had demanded the release of Earl Browder.

"This remarkable outburst of protest against Browder's imprisonment is a striking testimonial to Browder's activities as a leading fighter against fascism," Foster emphasized.

U. S. RESPONSIBILITY

Foster's speech emphasized the heavy responsibility of America in the war against the Axis.

"In developing the war effort jointly with the United Nations," he declared, "the United States has the heavy responsibility of arming itself and helping to arm the forces of Latin-America with land lease munitions, to allocate enough of its forces to help defeat Japan, and, above all, to send the necessary men and munitions to Europe to help defeat the main enemy, which is Hitler."

While this is one war that must be conducted with a unified world strategy, at the same time we must bear in mind that the core, the strongest part of the Axis combination, is Nazi Germany and that the war cannot be won without Nazi Germany's being destroyed.

"In the press many appeasers and other elements are raising the cry that the United States should stop sending munitions to Britain and the Soviet Union and should concentrate all for the defeat of Japan."

"Here is perhaps the biggest

danger facing the country—the tendency to slack up in the struggle against Hitler. It is a highly dangerous theory which says that now that the Russians have Hitler by the throat there is nothing more to fear from him. We must remember that Hitler has behind him the industry of all Europe and that the Soviet Union is fighting not only Hitler but the armies of Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Finland, etc. Any slackening of the struggle against Hitler would be highly dangerous to the conduct of the whole war."

"The United States must find the means both to defeat Japan and to greatly increase its support to the Soviet Union and Great Britain. This it can do from its gigantic reserves of man-power and its unparalleled industrial system."

Bill Norman, New Jersey State secretary of the Communist Party, charged that the New Jersey war industries "are not operating in all-out capacity at all."

He cited the Linden General Motors plant, where 3,000 men are out of work, as an example.

Norman also flayed the State milk board and its director, Arthur J. Poran, for authorizing the one-cent-a-quart increase which went into effect today.

Martha Bone, State chairman of the Communist Party, presided at the Memorial Meeting.

## NLRB Head Reports On Labor Rights

### Of Unions; Tells of Board's War Role

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—Chairman Harry A. Mills of the National Labor Relations Board, declared today that American labor, having escaped the "sterile" repression of Hitler Germany, has learned to use the right of organization, while employers have advanced far toward acceptance of collective bargaining as a democratic principle.

In a statement accompanying the sixth annual labor board report to Congress, Mills defined as the board's war time function the protection of unions from employer domination and the preservation of workers' rights to determine their own bargaining agent.

These protections, he said, are prerequisite to war time labor peace, and fall exclusively within the board's jurisdiction.

Mills described as "the most significant fact" in his report to the Congress, the "vastly increased" desire of workers to determine their bargaining representatives. More than 1,000,000 sought the board's assistance in this function, he reported, while nearly 750,000 votes were cast in secret elections.

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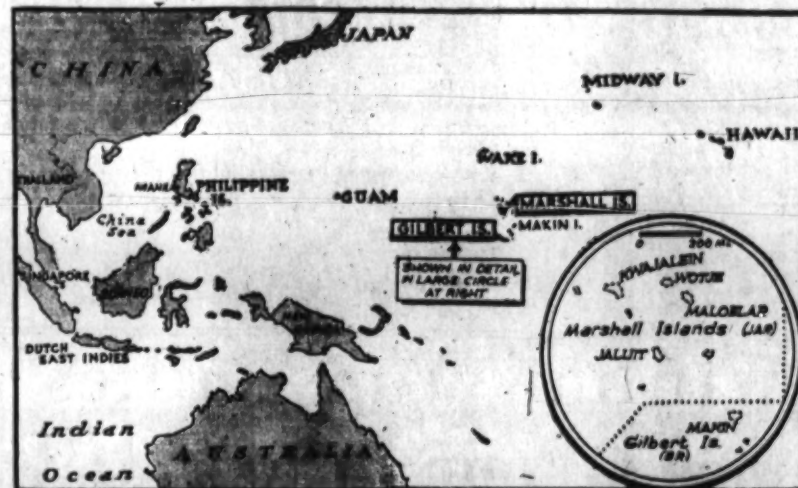
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Where U. S. Fleet Struck: Maps of the South Pacific war theater shows the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, where units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet blasted air Japanese bases lying outside our communications with Australia. Heavy damage was inflicted. The fleet sustained only slight losses.

## U. S. Planes Join in Singapore Defense

### Japanese Bases Heavily Damaged by Assault of American Fleet

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small scale and inconsequential within itself, the thrust to "the coast of the island" hinted at the possibility of enemy scouting as a prelude to the invasion undertaking which was considered certain sooner or later.

For the time being the Japanese army was engaged in deploying over the lower part of the Johore mainland and digging in for the siege which began officially at 8:12 A. M. Saturday when Royal Engineers blasted a 50-yard breach in the causeway over the strait.

JAPANESE SMASHED IN BURMA RIVER CROSSING

RANGOON, Feb. 2 (UP).—Japanese troops were dumped by the hundreds into the treacherous Salween River today when British planes smashed and riddled barges and boats in which they tried to force a crossing 130 miles east of here for a drive against the Burma Road.

British Imperials defending the river's west bank after a withdrawal from Moulmein, eight miles to the East, had no chance for action. RAP bombing and fighting planes met the threat in midstream and disposed of it completely. The fliers had everything their own way, for one of the few times in this campaign, and they swooped low to make the most of it. Reports from the front said that when the planes had finished, the surviving Japanese were swimming in full retreat.

Many, wounded by machine-gun bullets and bomb splinters, drowned when they were unable to fight the

treacherous current, and their bodies sank or floated down to the sea.

FEAR JAPANESE INVASION OF SUMATRA

BATAVIA, Feb. 2 (UP).—A Japanese swoop on Bangka and Billiton, Dutch islands off the south-east coast of Sumatra, to block the last approach to besieged Singapore and menace the whole western half of the Netherlands East Indies, appeared imminent today.

"Increased air activity," so far an almost infallible sign of an early Japanese assault, was observed over Bangka, a High Command communiqué reported.

The communiqué conceded, on the basis of "unconfirmed reports," the loss of Pontianak, principal port on the West Coast of Dutch Borneo. It was believed certain, however, that the Dutch, possibly aided by British Imperial forces, still were contesting hotly every Japanese advance not only in Borneo but also on Celebes and at Ambona, main defense center in the eastern half of the Archipelago.

157,000 Japanese Living in Hawaii

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—There were 157,000 Japanese in the territory of Hawaii on April 1, 1940 representing 37.3 per cent of the territory's total population, the Census Bureau reported tonight. About one-third of all Japanese in the islands lived in the city of Honolulu, it said.

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## Hotel Workers Hold Election Tomorrow

### AFL Local 6 To Vote On 80 Candidates For Officers

With 80 candidates in the field, members of Hotel Club Employees, Local 6, largest affiliate of the AFL's Hotel and Restaurant Alliance, will cast ballots tomorrow for officers and executive board posts.

Polls will be open from 10 A. M. to 11 P. M. at Palm Garden, 308 West 52 St.

There are contests for only a few of the major posts.

M. J. Obermeyer, union secretary-treasurer of the union of 15,000 members, is opposed for the presidency. Unopposed are also Helen Blanchard and Miguel Garza for vice president; Gertrude Lane for general organizer and Don Tillman for recording secretary.

The administration supported candidate for the secretary-treasurer is Martin Oddy who is opposed by William Raymond.

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## Anniversary Fete For 'Daily' Sunday

### Minor, Budenz, Art Young, Mike Gold To Speak at Celebration

Tickets for the Eighteenth Anniversary celebration for the Daily Worker, to be held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, at Manhattan Center are selling fast at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St., a committee spokesman in charge of arrangements announced yesterday.

A capacity turnout to hear a noted list of working class leaders, as well as a group of toponotch artists, who will entertain, is expected. Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Party, will greet the anniversary rally in the name of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and outline plans of the Party to boost the circulation of the Sunday Worker to 120,000.

Others who will speak are Louis Budenz and Ben Davis, Jr., president and secretary-treasurer of Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., publishers of the Daily Worker; Art Young, celebrated artist and Mike Gold, Daily Worker columnist.

Noted entertainers who will appear are Laura Duncan and Ruth Fremont, singers and Judith Sidorisky, pianist.

Tickets are 25 cents for general admission and 50 cents for the reserved section.

## Bare 90% Rent Gouge in Defense Areas

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have boosted rents to fantastic heights.

However, such action is not expected for another month or so because OPA is now involved in setting up new administrative machinery to carry out the price control bill.

But there is little doubt that the rent sections of OPA have been keeping a careful eye on rent increases, and the WPA stated that many of the cities it surveyed "were selected because of specific interest to OPA."

Rent boosts have been particularly steep throughout the Mid-West where the Army has built new shell-loading plants and arsenals. Other areas sorely affected have been those surrounding military establishments.

There has been considerable delay in building new homes for defense workers in such communities. First, because the defense housing program as a whole has progressed slowly, and second, because of the hesitancy in building new homes in what are considered "temporary" boom towns.

In Talladega, Ala., the WPA investigation revealed that in one year rents rose 38.8 per cent. Other Southern communities where rents soared sharply are Alexandria, La., 29.5 per cent; Biloxi, Miss., 24.8 per cent; Brownwood, Texas, 37.6 per cent, and Pulaaki, Va., 21.2 per cent.

On the contrary, he emphasized the extent to which Navy vessels are now engaging in keeping the supply lines open to this country's European allies.

ALLIES NEED FIGHTERS

Knox said that one of the most difficult jobs facing the Navy was getting fighter planes to Europe because "bombers in daytime without fighters to protect them are subject to large losses."

Unlike bombers, which can be flown to Europe, he said that "fighters cannot be flown and you cannot convey them set up except very extravagantly."

The only practical way to ship them in large numbers, he said, is to ship them knocked down, save them, and ship them in the hold of ships, and those ships have to travel several thousand miles before they are unloaded, and they have to be assembled every foot of the way."

### Union Calls on Allis-Chalmers to Produce Tanks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WEST ALLIS, Wis., Feb. 2.—Conversion of the Allis-Chalmers tractor plant here to tank production is being urged insistently by members of Local 248, United Automobile Workers-CIO.

The union membership has voted enthusiastically to buy the first tank jointly with the company and donate it to the government.

The thousands of Local 248 members, in this largest Allis-Chalmers plant, want to see an Allis-Chalmers tank with their union label on it go into battle against the Axis.

Workers claim that the plant which has always been one of the largest tractor producers is a perfect set-up for tank production. Priorities and reduced tractor production have curtailed employment with hundreds of workers laid off and others on short time.

### Egyptian Cabinet Resigns in Body

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (UP).—The Egyptian Cabinet resigned today.

The government was headed by Hussein Sirry Pasha, who first was named Premier on Nov. 13, 1940.

## 'Free Germany of Nazi Guilt,' Plead Leading Anti-Fascists

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by its hands foreign countries have been devastated by fire and sword; towns and villages have been laid to the ground; by its hands Hitler is carrying all over Europe murder, robbery and enslavement.

GERMANY REAPS HATE

Wherever German troops invade a country—there hatred is fierce towards Germany; there is destruction and the ruin of nations; there the execrations of tormented and humiliated people call aloud for vengeance.

The Note of the Soviet Government on the wholesale ruin of the population, on atrocities and murder perpetrated by Hitler's orders in captured Soviet territories—is a terrible, inexorable indictment against Hitlerite Germany. Only a people to whom the honor and future of Germany are matters of complete indifference can pass by these fiendish crimes. The righteous hatred of nations for the murderous hordes who, masking themselves with the German flag, fall upon one country after the other, this righteous hatred must surely arouse the greatest alarm, the greatest anxiety in the heart of every honest German.

In Poland people are deliberately driven into their graves by hunger, executions and labor beyond their strength. In Yugoslavia, gallows and mountains of corpses. In France, in Czechoslovakia, criminal murders of hostages. In Belgium, in Holland, in Norway, in Greece—robbery and convict labor.

OLD CRIMES PALE

But all these villainies, which cover with disgrace the very name of Germany, which are inexorably hastening the day of terrible vengeance, pale into insignificance before the systematic atrocities committed by the fascist hang-

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We do not want, we cannot allow it that the very name of Germany should become a byword, a word of abuse; that it should go down in the ages as a symbol of shame and dishonor, as of old did the names of Huns and Vandals.

Everything must be done to wash off the disgrace of the Gestapo; the shameful bloodstain of Nazi domination.

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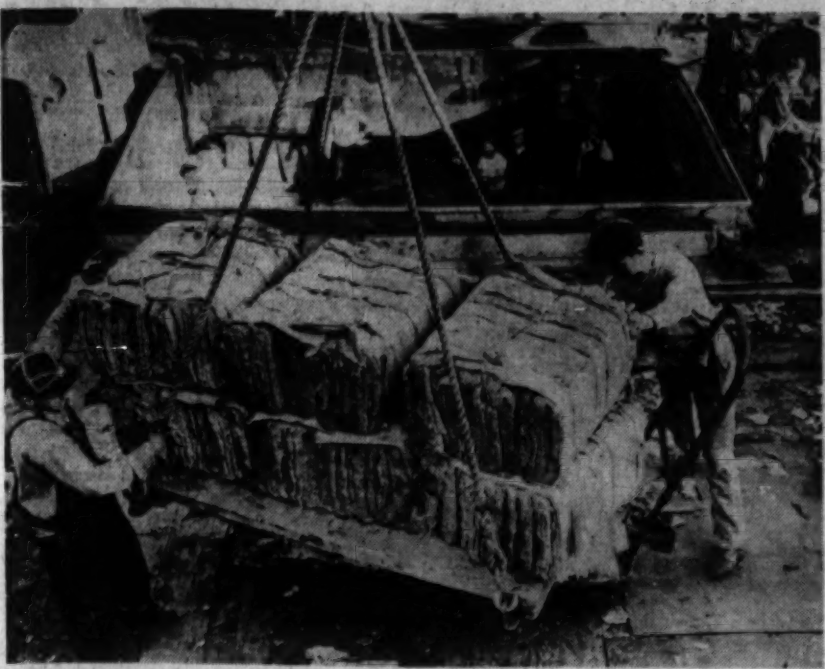
Hitler's defeat is inevitable, but woe to Germany if Hitler should be annihilated without our people participating in his downfall! Every German who is not a coward, not a Hitlerite seif, not a stolid Philistine—must find within himself the strength and courage to show an example of how to struggle against Hitler for the salvation of Germany.

All Germans must rally in this struggle. We Germans who are living outside the boundaries of Hitlerite Germany are able to raise our voices freely against the Nazi brutes who have shamed the name of German, and by so protesting we can serve our people. We express profound solidarity with the great Soviet people; our unbounded admiration of its heroic Red Army, which pressed forward with its own lives in defending all mankind from the assault of the barbarians.

Realizing our duty to our people, we shall fulfill it to the end. To our last breath, sparing neither strength nor life we shall fight in the ranks of the great Front of Peoples until Hitler tyranny is routed utterly, pulled out by the roots.

The Nations have passed an irrevocable death sentence on Hitler, a sentence of death on the Nazi regime; but they have not





**Slingload:** Longshoremen shown in this picture balance a heavy load as the sling picks up the freight which will be lowered into the ship's hold.

## On the San Francisco Docks They Want the Bridges Plan

### Longshoremen Tell of Shippers Tactics; Bridges Demands All-Out Cooperation

By Mike Quin  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—I wouldn't say the situation on the docks is one of smooth cooperation and efficiency. The ships are being loaded and the convoys are sailing. The work is proceeding. But many employers still think the end of "business as usual" simply means the beginning of unusually good business.

"When they're loading their own ships, they're all for full speed ahead," said one longshoreman. "But when they're loading for the Government on a cost-plus basis, they're not in any hurry at all."

"What's this cost-plus business?" I asked. "Well, the Government pays them cost plus a percentage of profit. The more cost the more profit. The more time it takes, the more money they make."

**GOUGING THE GOVT**  
"One company that has plenty of its own equipment lets it stand idle when they're working on Government jobs, and rents other equipment from another company. That runs the cost."

"How about the longshoremen?" I asked. "How are they working?" "We've cooperated with practically every demand," he said. "Sling loads have been increased, working rules have been suspended, and the men are trying to put things on a basis of maximum efficiency. But all this chiseling takes the heart out of a lot of them."

"They meet and pass strong resolutions for all-out effort, then they get down on the docks and there's not much they can do about it."

"How do they feel about the war?" "They hate Hitler's guts and will do anything they can to lick him. But all the chiseling and profiteering they see disgusts them. They remember the fight they put up to try to stop shipment of war materials to Japan and Germany, and how the employers backed them."

**DETERMINED TO WIN**  
"This doesn't alter their determination to smash Hitlerism. But then—well, you can see how it exasperates them."

"What would you suggest to get things stepped up to top efficiency?" "Hammer on the Bridges plan," he said. "We ought to have our feet under the table with the employers and the Government. Then we could take up these problems and the fellows wouldn't feel so exasperated."

"You can't just pass a resolution to cooperate and automatically be cooperating. To cooperate you've got to have some machinery to work through. The Bridges plan provides it. Joint conferences of all parties and practical methods of getting the full measure of efficiency out of these docks."

**INTERVIEWS BRIDGES**  
Harry Bridges isn't a hard man to get to see if you can catch him standing still. Otherwise it's like trying to interview a man on a pogo stick. I led off with a news clipping.

"Mr. Folde of the Waterfront Employers ran a statement in the Commercial News that the longshoremen are still dragging their feet and that several ships missed their convoys because of the deliberate slowdown," I said. "What do you think of that?"

"It's a damn lie," said Bridges. The phone buzzed and he swiveled around to fiddle the switches.

"Yeah. Tell 'em to get all the figures. They can get 'em. We want the full figures. They've turned in a phony exhibit at the hearings and we want to blow it sky high."

He swiveled back to face me. His secretary brought in some papers and he talked while looking them over.

"That stuff about slowdown is a damn lie. We're blowing it sky



HARRY BRIDGES

was all banged up, like we know it would be."

"We were loading planes," said another. "We knew those planes wouldn't fit on that dock and we said so. But no. They got to get 'em up there first and then find out we're right."

"The men are trying wholeheartedly to end business as usual. They know you can't buy Victory. Victory lies in the hearts, muscles and brains of a people. It's achieved by wholehearted cooperation in a common cause."

"That's how the longshoremen feel. But feeling a certain way and getting full opportunity to express it are different things."

**FDR to Make 'Fireside' Report On War Feb. 23**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—President Roosevelt's "fireside" report on the progress of the war will be made on the evening of Feb. 23.

Chairman Edward J. Flynn of the Democratic National Committee, revealed the date of the President's talk last night in announcing plans for nation-wide "emergency" barbecues to replenish the party's treasury.

The White House last week announced that Mr. Roosevelt would make a report to the nation "around" George Washington's birthday.

When Francis, a Browder Brigader, first took her stand on 72nd St. and Broadway, the newsie, the policeman on the beat and many of the passersby used to kid her.

That's all changed now. "Of course, I owe the change to the Red Army really," the curly-headed, dark-eyed girl smiled. "But I'll take a little credit too."

"You see," she explained, "I have been out there regularly since the Tuesday after June 22, in the cold, the rain and the snow. I've been out late and early and now they just assume that I belong there. They know it's not a lark and admire me for it. That's one of the reasons they don't make who-cracks anymore. A wise-acre has to be drunk these days to try and start something."

**MAKES NEW FRIENDS**  
When anyone late at night starts to annoy the young Brigader, the newsie, the policeman and others now tell him to keep rolling.

Francis, who is a member of Branch 9-4, 7 and 9th A. D. of the Communist Party, has sold as many as 106 papers a night. During the cold spell she doesn't take more

than 75 which she sells to workers living in rooming houses and middle class persons of the district.

Going out twice a week these days, Francis finds that Saturday night sales are best between the hours of 12 and 2 P. M.

"No one is going to drag a paper along if he or she is rushing out on a date but when they come home they are more inclined to take a paper."

"The hostile attitude that I first encountered among some people in this neighborhood is completely gone. I guess any Brigader will tell you that," she said.

**WELL-KNOWN NOW**  
After these many months, Francis is well-known in the neighborhood. Even she isn't selling, she hears some of the men shout out after her "Buy the Sunday Worker," as she walks through the streets.

The biggest thrill that comes of selling the paper is to have some one come up and ask you the price.

"Then you know for sure," she emphasized, "that he is a new or irregular reader and you are happy to get the Daily and Sunday into his hands."

## Set 7,000 As Sunday Worker Ohio Goal

### Conferences Pledge to More Than Double Sales by May 1

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—Ohio is just one of 48 states but Ohio Communists have pledged themselves to meet one-seventeenth of the total goal of 120,000 Sunday Workers by May 1.

Ohio's pledge of 7,000 Sunday Workers by that date was made by more than 300 state Communist leaders to John Williamson, representative of the National Committee of the Communist Party, at a statewide rally over the weekend.

Between now and May 1, the delegates pledged the following sub-goals to check their progress toward the final one. They will guarantee the sale of 4,000 Sunday Workers by March 1 and 3,000 by April, they declared.

In addition to this scores of delegates from rubber, steel and electrical plants pledged themselves to individual quotas of 100 Sunday workers each by May 1.

Williamson inspired the pledge, which would double the Sunday circulation of the workers' paper, by pointing out that a handful of circulation boosters were already responsible for raising the total Sunday sales in Ohio from 1,200 last July to the present figure of 3,200.

Many of those who made the previous circulation increase possible, rubber workers from Akron, steel workers from Youngstown and many others, were present to back up Williamson's prediction. Several Akron rubber workers told how they had sold 23 papers regularly each week in the territories where they live and work.

**CIO Shoe Union Asks Pact After Haverhill Poll**

HAVERHILL, Mass., Feb. 2.—Following its greatest electoral victory winning collective bargaining rights for this city's 3,000 shoe workers, the United Shoe Workers of America, CIO, today prepared to enter negotiations for a general contract.

The National Labor Board election last week gave the CIO union 1,932 votes to 1,529 for the Boot and Shoe Workers of the AFL. This city is second only to New York City as a shoe center. Much of the industry is engaged in war work.

The CIO's drive was headed by Harry Campbell, national organizer of the union. The CIO victory here is expected to have considerable effect on the union's general drive now spreading through the country.

**Brotherhood Week to Be Observed in State**

ALBANY, Feb. 2 (UP).—Governor Lehman today urged observance of "Brotherhood Week" sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, to "stimulate a spirit of justice, friendship, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews." The observance will start Feb. 15.

**Henderson Nominated As Price Administrator**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—President Roosevelt formally nominated Leon Henderson as Price Control Administrator today.

The nomination was in accordance with the new price control law signed by the President last week, which requires that the administrator be confirmed by the Senate.

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This member of Great Britain's Women's Auxiliary Air Force, more familiarly known as WAAF, learns to operate a gun recorder, as part of her training to be a meteorologist.

## Gov. Stassen Calls Labor to United Parley

### Minnesota CIO, AFL and Rail Brotherhoods to Meet on War Effort

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 2.—A Minnesota state-wide conference of representatives of AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and other unaffiliated unions, called by Governor Harold Stassen to rally joint action behind the war, will be held at the State Capitol on Feb. 21.

"At this meeting suggestions will be invited, plans will be discussed and methods established for the most effective participation of labor in the drive for victory," the governor's call declared.

The governor, setting the meeting in the chamber of the House of Representatives, asks one delegate from each local union.

"Labor is playing and will continue to play a vital part in the drive for victory in this war," the governor's letter said.

With the CIO to hold its production for victory convention on Feb. 7-8 and the Farmer-Labor Association conference on Feb. 15, the governor's conference on Feb. 21 promises to assume much practical value in furthering the war effort.

The governor's conference was suggested in labor circles as a big forward step toward uniting labor's forces.

"The calling of the representatives of labor into a state-wide conference is a big step in the right direction," said Leonard Langeman, state director of the CIO. "We of the CIO have recognized the necessity of such a conference for a long time and have previously taken this matter up with the governor."

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## CIO Auto Union Wins NLRB Poll at Sikorsky Air Plant

### 24,000 Independent Union Members Join CIO; Wright Plant Election Sought

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 2.—Richard T. Frankenstein, director of the aircraft division of the United Auto Workers (CIO), announced yesterday an NLRB election victory for the union in one aircraft plant, and the intention of the union to file for another poll in a second plant.

Results of an election held Thursday at the Vought-Sikorsky plant, Stratford, Conn., are: UAW-CIO—2,240; AFL machinists union—290; non-union—1,401. This was the second poll held in the plant within a year. On Sept. 4, 1941, the workers at the plant voted 1,325 for no union, 1,132 for CIO, and 997 for AFL.

Frankenstein declared that the council of the independent union at the Wright Aeronautical Co., Paterson, N. J., has voted 29 to 20 to affiliate its 24,000 members with the UAW-CIO. As a result of the company's action, Frankenstein said, the UAW will immediately petition the NLRB for an employee election. He predicted an overwhelming victory for the union.

Signing of a contract between the union and the Bellanca Aircraft Corp., located in Wilmington, Md., was also announced by Frankenstein. The contract provides for a union shop, check off of dues; a blanket raise of 10-cent an hour retroactive to Jan. 1, and an additional 5-cent raise in June; one week vacation with pay for workers with one year's seniority; two weeks vacation with pay for workers with seniority of two years or more.

**Teachers Get First Aid Kits For Air Raids**

15,000 Distributed; All To Receive Instruction On Their Use

Instructions for public school teachers for the use of first aid kits now being distributed throughout the schools were forwarded to all public schools yesterday by Superintendent Harold C. Campbell.

School officials stated that 15,000 of the 50,000 kits necessary to supply all class rooms in the city have already been delivered, the remainder already have been ordered.

Dr. Campbell's instructions, which came in addition to first-aid booklets in each kit, included the following points:

1—Kits should be kept in a uniform place in all classrooms, and carried by the teacher if she escorts her pupils out of the classroom in any emergency.

2—All teachers should familiarize themselves with the guide enclosed in each kit.

3—Most important rule in case of fractures is "splint them where they lie."

4—Aromatic spirits of ammonia should be administered as an inhalant only, not given internally.

5—Iodine should be applied only once and allowed to dry before bandaging.

Dr. Campbell also directed principals to see that pieces of furniture that "might be knocked over by a blow or by impact" are securely fastened. He asked each school to report on the number of parents and others serving as school defense aids.

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## Jammed Akron Rally Hears Foster on War

### Extend Democracy to Crush Axis, He Says; Tells Unions of Key Role

(Special to the Daily Worker)

AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The "S.R.O." sign went up at 7:30 at the Tivoli Theater here last Friday night when more than 800 Akronites turned out to hear William Z. Foster explain that the only way to "lick Hitler" is to broaden and extend American democracy.

Foster's talk was devoted to answering the fifth column-inspired argument that we have to become a totalitarian country ourselves in order to defeat the totalitarian Axis. The audience, overwhelmingly rubber and other war industry workers, heard the Communist Party National Chairman declare: "You can't fight fascism with fascism."

In explaining the democratic character of the war, Foster pointed out that "the workers have more to gain than any other section of society by winning this war—and more to lose should Hitler win." He stated that "the United States must and will come out of the war with its democracy stronger than when it went into the war."

The Communist leader warned his listeners not to be misled by those restrictions and one-man controls "which are necessary to carry on to win the war," explaining that "We can and must, at the same time, strengthen American democracy."

**KEY TASKS OF UNIONS**  
In this connection, Foster was very sharp on the key role and responsibilities of the trade unions, showing that there were already several indications of important trends toward developing democracy; but that so far the unions have been slow to recognize their new responsibilities and new tasks.

He emphasized that "we cannot practice trade unionism as usual" and explained that it is primarily the job of the trade unions to guarantee the democratic character of the various movements created by the war—to "see that these movements, such as Civilian Defense, become not the instruments of the fifth columnists, but are kept on a democratic course to become buttresses to the democracy of the country."

Foster then dealt specifically with the problems of labor representation in the government, including the President's Cabinet; building the democratic mass draft army; civilian defense; equitable distribution of the burdens of the war; civil rights for all and the freedom of Earl Browder; equal rights for the Negro people, the women and the youth.

After indicating that "in order to do these things, the trade unions themselves must grow and become stronger and united," the veteran labor leader concluded: "In all these fields, wherever the work is to be done, wherever the fight is to be made, you will find the Communists in the front row."

Arnold Johnson, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Ohio, delivered a stirring appeal for "bold, practical activity," as exemplified by Lenin. He showed that the progress of the Communists is a powerful weapon for the defense of America.

Other speakers at the "Win the War" Lenin Memorial rally, under the auspices of the Communist Party and Young Communist League of Summit County were Ben Atkins, Akron Negro leader; Daisy Lolich, Secretary of the YCL of Cuyahoga County, and Scotty Williamson, Akron labor figure, whose introduction of Foster marked the thirtieth anniversary of their first meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Even the standing room at the meeting was so crowded that a special attraction film, "One Day in Soviet Russia" had to be shown twice, so that all present could see it.

**Minneapolis Holds Biggest Lenin Meeting**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 2.—Six hundred persons jammed the Masonic hall Friday night in the largest and most impressive gathering ever held to commemorate the Lenin anniversary in this city.

Main speakers at the rally were Martin Mackie and Carl Winter, state chairman and state secretary of the Communist Party, respectively.

Mackie showed the close links that tied the work of Lenin with the social and economic development of the United States, particularly at the present time.

"He was," said Mackie, "an internationalist in every sense of the word."

Carl Winter spoke on the necessity for united war effort by all of the people. He pointed out that certain groups in the local labor movement and in the Farmer-Labor Party, under the smokescreen of "ultra-leftism" find it impossible to support the war effort of the nation wholeheartedly.

**GIL GREEN TO SPEAK AT LACKAWANNA SUNDAY**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Gil Green, New York State Secretary of the Communist Party will be the principal speaker at a Lincoln-Lenin memorial meeting to be held here Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, 2 P. M., at the Serbian Church, hall on Church St.

The program will include the Soviet movies "Shchors" and "Soviet Dances of the Republics."

Advance sale of tickets has been widespread, especially among steel workers.

**ROCHESTER MEETING TO HEAR FOSTER**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 2.—James W. Ford, outstanding leader of the Communist Party, will speak at the Victory Rally and Lenin Memorial meeting here in the Labor Lyceum Sunday evening, Feb. 13.

Soviet movies and music will be featured entertainment at the rally which will begin at 7 P. M.

Mr. Ford is widely known here as a national leader of the Negro people and an active fighter for the rights and interests of the common people. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Monroe County Committee of the Communist Party.

**Set Rules for Tire Rationing In N.Y. State**

ALBANY, Feb. 2 (UP).—A three-man state automotive rationing committee established rules and regulations today for rationing and pooling state-owned tires and tubes.

The committee's regulations emphasized that under tire rationing laws, any government unit, state or local, is on the same basis as an individual or corporation.

All state-owned tires, except those actually in use, will be pooled in Public Works Department stockpiles throughout the state. They will be issued only upon authorization of the rationing committee after local tire inspectors determine the need for replacements.



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### Where Taxes Should Be Levied

• Congressmen who are so eagerly easing the ways for a nationwide sales tax on daily necessities should take a look at the latest profit reports.

Because of increased business, industrial profits for 1941 exceed every year in our history except 1929; and in many cases they are far above 1929. Thus reports the New York Times (Feb. 1).

Combined net profits for 1941 for 71 of the country's biggest industrial corporations reached the staggering total of \$426,000,000—an increase of \$61,000,000 over 1940.

If we leave the steel companies out of the reckoning, the other companies showed a \$53,000,000 increase over last year.

And, of course, these titanic profits do not include the tremendous gains of the railroads, some of which are showing as high as 90 per cent increase in 1941 profits.

Is it not plain that these profits should be heavily taxed to provide for the Government's necessary defense spending?

To tax retail sales is to harm the national defense. It reduces food purchases and weakens defense fitness. In searching for revenue to finance defense, the above-quoted war profits are the most logical source.

The immense profits also prove that the CIO demand for higher wages is based on realities and can easily be afforded by the corporations now enjoying such huge profits.

### How the Mighty Are Fallen!

• It is not so long since most writers spoke of the Nazi military staff in tones of awe. The Nazi generals were considered the greatest collection of military brains in all history. They were even looked upon as somewhat super-human.

But what has happened to this galaxy of strategists today? The commander-in-chief, von Brauchitsch, has been "relieved" because of "illness," his post is taken over by Hitler who shares that position only with his intuition. Von Reichenau has died of "apoplexy." Major General Hofmann has just died of "heart disease." Meanwhile no one seems to know exactly what has happened to von Rundstedt, von Leeb, von Bock and the rest of the master-minds.

All this "apoplexy" and "heart disease" are no doubt one of the by-products of the serious reverses which the Nazi generals have suffered on the Eastern Front and testify to a crisis in the high command. Ironically enough, the Nazi generals have undergone their acute mental sufferings at the hands of a group of young Soviet generals who were looked upon with scorn by the same persons who wrote admiringly of the capabilities of the Nazi chiefs. "The Soviet troops may be brave," so went the popular saying in the press, "but they suffer from lack of good generalship—a result of the purge."

Now it is apparent that the Soviet generals have stood up nobly during the hardships and immense problems of the Eastern Front; they have grown in stature and have won the profound respect of most of the world.

### Not the Only Quisling

• Adolf Hitler has tried to develop puppetry into the highest art of statesmanship. He has conferred upon Vidkun Quisling—the traitor whose name is a stench to humanity—the supreme title of premier of Norway.

This of course, is an insult to the Norwegian people. At the same time it is a blundering attempt to pacify the rising tide of Norwegian resistance to the Nazi overlords. It will not deceive the Norwegians who, inspired by the Red Army's performance and the developing power of the United Nations, are fighting harder than ever.

It is not surprising that Quisling was crowned in the Oslo Fortress under severe guard. This guard of cutthroats is directed against the people over whom Quisling is supposed to exercise his premiership. In time, the Norwegians will have their just revenge in a free and independent Norway.

This Quisling is only the original one. His likes are to be found elsewhere, not excluding America. They lurk waiting to stab our country in the back. They counsel disunity and their pro-Hitler policies are reflected in such papers as the Daily News and those of William Randolph Hearst. An un-

regenerate America Firster is a potential Quisling.

From Quisling, the original, the American people can see what lies in store for every nation where the Fifth Column is allowed a free hand. Constant vigilance against these loathsome tools of Hitler is an integral part of the war for the national independence of our country.

### Neither Farmers Nor Unions Will Benefit

• Cooperation between organized farmers and union workers is one of the keystones of America's progress. Through the years that have passed this has been true. It is particularly so today amid the mighty obligations placed upon the American people by the anti-Hitler war.

The organization of farmers into trade unions is not, however, the agency which will bring about such cooperation, in a way which will benefit either or both of these groups. The Knights of Labor weakened itself and prepared for its own downfall through bringing non-worker groups into its workers' organization.

District 50 of the United Mine Workers seems about to commit the same serious mistake as did the Knights of Labor. This is the district which is chartered for chemical workers and is under the direct supervision of John L. Lewis. The Jan. 15 issue of that district's official organ announces that a United Dairy Farmers Division has been set up in this division of the UMW, and that the United Dairy Farmers organization of Owsos, Wis., has been taken into the union ranks. The paper devotes considerable space to an account of this "new" form of organization for the farmers, and thus bears out the recent statement of Ora Cassaway, now president of District 50, that money and energy are to be thrown into this "trade union activity" in the countryside.

The organization of farm laborers into unions is a matter of urgency, and it is being carried out by the CIO affiliate, the United Agricultural, Cannery and Packing Workers. But the attempted enrollment of farm owners into the union ranks is not healthy for the union movement. Nor will it help the farmers, whose best interests will be served by organizations of their own creation and including exclusively members of their own group. Instead, it is through the cooperation of farm organizations with the trade unions that the duties now devolving upon the two groups will be performed, and the welfare of themselves and the country be advanced.

### The Great Leap Forward In Soviet Production

• That dynamic name, "Magnitogorsk," which has flashed to the world for some time the news of Soviet industrial expansion, is now a word of hope for all free peoples. The gigantic coal and iron project in the Urals, which set the pace for the wider developments in Soviet Central Asia and throughout the USSR, has borne magnificent fruits in the arming of the Red Army.

In yesterday's New York Times, there appeared a Reuter's dispatch from London, which said: "Russia's great arsenal in the Urals is no longer merely a plan; it has become a reality." The dispatch went on to record the electrifying news that total Soviet industrial production—for the whole country—has leaped in January, 1942, to 40 per cent above such production in 1940. By Spring, the dispatch predicts, the total Soviet output will have jumped to 60 per cent above the figures of two years ago.

Such a tremendous advance in the battle for production, in the midst of the ravages of war, was given its initial impetus by Stalin's Five Year Plans. All over the Soviet Republics there arose the mighty steel, iron and other works of heavy industry, in contrast to the previous concentration of those industries (and on an infinitely smaller scale) in the Donetz Basin and southern Ukraine under the Tsars.

The springs which gave life to this still further gigantic spurt ahead were those repeated reminders by Stalin to the Soviet peoples to be prepared for "surprises." The period of the pact with Nazi Germany was utilized by the Soviet Union to push forward the greatest campaign for production that the world has yet seen in a comparable period of time. Every moment of that period was employed to strengthen the Soviet Union for the onslaught which Hitlerite barbarism, in its thirst for world conquest, was bound to make upon that country.

The Red Army today is saving the world from Hitlerism. From all the free countries and from many stations of life has come the recognition of this reality. This is the case, largely because during the period from 1939 to mid-1941, production was increased at topmost speed. And through the careful planning of the Soviet leadership, as the Reuter's dispatch says, there has been made possible the splendid offensive which is thrilling the democratic world. To such an ally, doing so much on its own behalf, the United States will do well to rush such additional tanks and planes as will enable the Soviet advance against the Nazi invaders to go forward at an even higher speed.



NEWS ITEM: U. S. Fleet blasts six Japanese bases, causing heavy destruction, in first attack of the war.

## Mr. Hearst to Hitler's Aid

• From Berlin, a little over a week ago, there came, via Stockholm, a most unusual news rumor. It said that "certain circles in Berlin" are very much interested in getting the United States to get tangled in an "anti-Japanese crusade" in which Hitler "might join." This queer dispatch—whose criminal meaning is now much clearer—also stated that with Hitler retreating along the Soviet Front such "an anti-Japanese crusade would be the surest way to save Nazi Germany from catastrophe." (New York Times, Jan. 23.)

The sinister significance of this is made fully clear by the editorial of William Randolph Hearst yesterday in which this appeaser denounces Roosevelt for sending troops to Europe, urging, instead, that America forget Hitler in Europe and concentrate on the Pacific.

The Berlin dispatch was really a hint to the American appeasers teaching them how to take the heat off Nazi Germany at the moment when Hitler was in difficulties.

It is as a tactic to help Hitler when he is in difficulties that Hearst yesterday clamored angrily that "the center of the World War is not in the Atlantic but in the Pacific."

The cry rising now in the United States of "let's lick Japan first" and forget Hitler is a fifth column cry deliberately set going by the Axis in accord with a set plan.

In fact, Hitler originally ordered Japan to attack America with this main purpose of distracting America from Europe in order to give himself breathing space after his defeats in the Soviet Union.

The appeasers in the United States are

taking advantage of the serious situation facing the United Nations in the Pacific in order to bring Hitler's feint tactic to a successful conclusion. Instead of calling for more help to Britain, the USSR, China and our other allies East and West, the appeasers are deliberately trying to spread panic by counterposing the Far Eastern Front against the European Front in order to weaken both fronts.

That is why Hearst, in the midst of his let's-go-easy-on-Hitler propaganda also tries to make America betray our ally, China by the cheap insinuation that China "may join" Japan; as if China did not wage a single-handed war for independence during all those years when the Hearst policy of arming Japan unfortunately prevailed in Washington.

Secretary Knox has indicated that he is aware of this latest fifth column trick of confusing America into easing up on Hitler. He warned last week that Hitler's attack in the Pacific is aimed at diverting America's "growing strength" away from himself in the Atlantic. He warned: "We dare not turn our backs to either front. We cannot take them one at a time when they are coming at us two at a time." (Jan. 28.)

The need of the hour is for America to increase her blows against the main enemy Hitler, while simultaneously increasing reinforcements along all other fronts in the Pacific. It would be suicidal to fall into the trap of withdrawing our strength from the European Front, thus giving Hitler a chance to recuperate when he is weakening. America has the resources to double and redouble its aid to every front.

## The Rio Conference--and After

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helping the Latin American countries to defend themselves as well.

III.

The Rio Conference has again dramatized the need of the labor and progressive forces in the United States and on a Continental scale to exert their initiative in mobilizing the peoples for struggle against the Axis and its fifth columns.

One would be naively complacent to take for granted that the mere severance of relations with the Axis reflects in all countries the united support of the people to full participation in the hemispheric or world coalition of free peoples. Even in some of those countries whose governments have taken the most advanced position at Rio, there still exists a wide gap between the policy of the government and the level of political mobilization of the people behind this policy. This is due in a number of countries to the anti-democratic nature of the government and the restriction of popular rights. But in these countries as well as throughout Latin America, the heritage of the past imperialist ventures of the United States and Britain feeds the apathy among the masses. The fifth column concentrates upon the demagogic use of the old anti-imperialist slogans, and capitalizes upon the semi-colonial position of the Latin countries, to obstruct and sabotage the growing anti-Axis unity of the people.

This position confronts the North American government and people with the immediate necessity of developing much more rapidly the new approach to the Latin Ameri-

can peoples which was initiated with the Good Neighbor policy. This means, in the first place, full recognition by our government of the role which the Latin American peoples can play on their own account in the defense of their own countries and of the Continent.

Secondly, it means that our country must rapidly help the Latin peoples to overcome the economic and military deficiencies which arise from many decades of economic retardation for which we share a major responsibility. This can be done by facilitating in every way possible the development of the national economy, particularly war industries, of these countries, and the supply of its armed forces so that they can independently contribute to the concerted war effort.

In the third place, it is necessary that the United States does not attempt to restrict the anti-Axis participation of the Latin American countries merely to the hemispheric bloc, but that their involvement directly in the world coalition—together with England, the Soviet Union, China and their allies—be facilitated.

In this connection, a serious shortcoming of the Rio Conference was the failure of the U.S. delegation to make clear the significance of the Declaration of the United Nations as a great step in the extension and strengthening of the world-wide coalition of 26 free nations, among them nine American countries. The anti-Axis forces within the Latin countries are certainly not satisfied with merely breaking off relations; they are mobilizing the people for full participation in the war against the

Axis, as the best means of national defense and assuring their independence. They have the perspective of cooperation not only with the United States, but with England, the Soviet Union and China as well. In view of the offensive by the Soviet Union on the decisive front and the remarkable successes being registered by the Chinese armies, the development of the friendliest relations with these countries would serve as a great stimulus to the peoples of Latin America.

One of the most important forces working for national unity within each country and the mobilization of the peoples is the Latin American Confederation of Labor. The labor and progressive movement in the United States should develop the closest measures of cooperation with the CTAL, recognizing it as the authorized spokesman of labor and the most powerful grouping of progressive forces in Latin America. The development of the closest cooperation of both the CIO and AFL with the CTAL is of paramount importance in mobilizing the peoples for defense, in extending and strengthening the bonds of democratic solidarity and in winning the battle of production.

The accomplishments of the Rio Conference provide a more advanced basis than hitherto for the effective mobilization of the American peoples for the struggle against Hitlerism. The anti-Axis forces, especially the labor and progressive forces, cooperating on a Continental scale, can assure the realization of the decisions of the Rio Conference and the future development of the united front of the American peoples.

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

One of the most remarkable things about the Dies Committee is that a Nazi propaganda mill was operating in the very same building where the committee was supposed to be investigating Fifth Column activity. But despite the goings-on in the office of Rep. Hans Fish (where his secretary, George Hill, was in direct contact with Nazi agent George Sylvester Viereck,) the Dies Committee refused to pay the slightest attention to this bit of Axis activity. This shows the single-mindedness with which Rep. Dies carries on his work of attacking unionists, progressives, Communists and other supporters of the war against Hitler. Rep. Dies is so devoted to his life work of creating disunity, that he probably would not permit himself to be diverted from his goal even if Dr. Goebbels himself leased desk space in the office of some Congressman.

One shudders to think of the close risks that Martin Dies ran during the Fish-Hill-Viereck affair. After all, everybody knew that Hans Fish was permitting his name to be used for mailing appeasement literature at government expense. Dies himself probably passed Fish's office half a dozen times a day on his way to and from the committee's offices. Perhaps the door was kept ajar. Perhaps he even heard George Hill saying into the phone: "What do you want me to do today, Mr. Viereck?"

A man of weaker stuff than Martin Dies would have said, "What goes on?" and would have succumbed to the demand of practically the entire nation to get after the real Fifth Column. But not Martin Dies. Probably, he just patted George Hill on the shoulder and, steadfast in his purpose, proceeded to his office to figure out some new insult to the wife of the War President of the United States.

However, if Dies gets that \$100,000 that he is now asking of Congress, we wouldn't be surprised to see him use a good chunk of it in connection with the Hill-Fish-Viereck matter. He might even launch a thorough investigation into the background of every single member of the jury that recently convicted George Hill.

What Congress needs is a good Committee to Investigate the Dies Committee.

Anybody who hasn't been attacked by Dies as yet, has some tall explaining to do.

General Hugh Johnson of the Scripps Howard press is quite perplexed these days. There is getting to be something mysterious—almost uncanny—about MacArthur's resistance in Bataan. He writes in the World-Telegram. What is so uncanny is that the fight still goes on although General Johnson himself and papers like the Daily News authoritatively informed the American and Filipino soldiers several weeks ago that all was lost. Is it possible that the soldiers at Bataan take their instructions from General MacArthur instead of from General Johnson?

Many people are wondering if there is any way to get supplies to MacArthur's men. Point of Order respectfully submits a plan. Why not conceal the supplies by wrapping them in copies of some of General Johnson's columns or Daily News editorials? The Japanese should be only too glad to have these delivered to MacArthur's troops who could be counted on to know how to use both the supplies and the wrappings to good advantage.

## Letters From Our Readers

American Heroes of 1942

Cleveland, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I think the articles which have been appearing in the Daily Worker by Mike Quin are swell!

Let's hear more about our American heroes of 1942!

CLEVELAND READER.

Whitewash for Nazi Blackguards

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It seems that Hitler and all those who would continue to prop up the myth of Nazi invincibility are giving the Russian winter the sole credit for halting the Nazi march in Russia. They undoubtedly hope that the world will overlook the fact, that such an ally does not speak well for Hitler's "Nordic" heroes, whom it would be supposed could endure anything the non-Aryan Russians could.

Neither can the claim of a strategic withdrawal explain away the failure to halt the continued Russian offensive, in view of the gigantic expenditure in manpower and materials to reach the points of farthest Nazi advance. Was the "withdrawal" voluntary or forced? Hereafter the world will understand who those are who have sought to paint the Nazis as invincible.

A. P.

Woody Sez . . .

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

That "Point of Order" Of Alan Max's Is bullets in the britches Of Hitler's Axis.

WOODY.

In the Interests of

National Unity and Fair Play . . .

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is a letter which I sent to the President:

"You are assured of the people's wholehearted confidence and cooperation in the tasks that confront you and the nation. Men and women have shown their eagerness to destroy bestial fascism and to preserve our liberties.

But there is one man, far-sighted and courageous who is forced to remain inactive in our struggle. Now, when the nation can use every sincere anti-fascist, Earl Browder remains behind prison bars.

It is agreed almost universally that Browder's sentence was too severe. In addition he has served 18 months in jail, much longer than is usual for such cases.

Would it not, therefore, Mr. President, be in the interest of firmer national unity and downright fair-play to extend Executive clemency to Earl Browder?"

S. A. W.



## CHANGE THE WORLD

An Ear-Witness Report of  
Herr Hitler's Burbling  
Chaplinesque Performance  
By MIKE GOLD

It seemed to me the papers did not do a complete job on reporting Hitler's recent speech. I happened to catch it on my short wave set, the whole burbling, Chaplinesque performance.

My German is not so hot, but I can follow an average speech delivered in normal German. Hitler, however, as native scholars and writers have noted, talks a turgid dialect all his own. His sentences are tortuous and needlessly complicated, the style of a shallow, vain man who wants to appear profound. He reminds one of certain religious fakers.

Anyway, what gleams of light I could see in this jungle, boiled down to the following impression:

Hitler was making a speech on this occasion, not to defy the world, not even to rally the German people, but specifically to persuade the German working class.

He must feel unsure of them. So he brought out the old "Socialist" demagoguery that has always been one of the many masks of the fascist corruption.

He began by a ranting, pseudo-Socialist attack on the "plutocratic democracies," England and America. They had seized all the world's wealth, and were keeping the have-not "proletarian" nations like Germany, Italy and Japan in poverty.

At the east, was the Bolshevik enemy, he said, the terrible Bolsheviks who wanted to conquer Germany and turn it over to those mysterious old men with long beards known as the Elders of Zion.

But millions of German soldiers had by now seen Russia—and a frightful and poverty-stricken land it was! National Socialism was a much finer system. It had brought peace, prosperity, wealth and strength through joy to the German working class. No?

That, to my mind, was the important part of the speech. It is some time since the Nazi leaders have had to throw in their ace for an appeal to the workers. For several years they have felt it enough to bang the big drums of military glory. But somebody has punched a hole in the drums.

I always get a kick out of listening to Nazi broadcasters explaining the defeat in Russia. Hitler repeated their stock alibi about the retreat. Like our own Fletcher Pratt, and similar public library experts, he denied all credit to the Generals Stalin and Timoshenko. It was General Winter who had stopped the Nazis. General Winter was obviously one of the Elders of Zion.

But in the spring of the year would be blue again. The grass would grow, the bulls would roam again in green pastures, Russian roads would be passable, and a happy blitzkrieg could be reassembled.

"National Socialism" in our time! Hitler added a new original note to the stale old goulash of alibi. He had called, he said, on the German people to donate fur coats, heavy underwear and women's bathing trunks to the Nazi soldiers warm. The German people had responded overwhelmingly.

He said, was an example of true democracy. It was a finer form of a people's democracy than the squalid Parliamentarism of England and America. Votes, free speech, free criticism, religious freedom, and so forth! Weren't these all trifles compared with the grand privilege of giving up your winter underwear and shoes and overcoats to the Fuehrer?

Maybe there have been previous occasions when Hitler claimed he was some species of democrat. I don't remember any such occasion, however. In Chaplin's picture, the Fuehrer always goes into one of his rug-chewing fits when he has to say the word "Democracy shunk!" in his biological jargon.

But now he pointed reflexly to those bathing trunks that German women gave up to warm the ears of their heroes in Russia. "Democracy does not shunk," because we are also democratic," the Fuehrer now declaimed.

It seems to me I hear a certain little mouse of panic running through that haunted house.

Last year Hitler said the war was already won in Russia; and 1941 would see the end of the world war and a Nazi victory.

This year he made no prophecies. What he said was that nobody could now forecast the time-limit on the war. Quite a come-down for a mystic prophet who never hesitated in his fortune telling to the German people.

The Jews hate us," he also whined. He has robbed, degraded, tortured, murdered, a million Jews or more. He has announced that his program called for the physical extermination of every Jew in the world. And now he seemed surprised that they did not love him. The Russians, whom he has bombed, did not love him. The Russians, whose factories and farms he had destroyed, did not love him.

It reminds one of the current song: "Nobody loves me, on account of 'I'm a skunk.' What in the hell sort of a lunatic is this, anyway?" "Either we will destroy the Jews," he said, "or they will destroy the German nation."

He did not mention the American program of production, now going into full speed, which is what will finally destroy the Nazi military machine. That would have frightened his people too much. It is sinister news that is completely suppressed in Germany. But he did mention the vast armed forces of the Jews, the millions of Jewish tanks, planes, machine-guns on the Russian plains, in England and the Far East. Hitler has always been at his noblest and bravest in defying this mighty power. With the Jews, he always feels confident of victory.

The mob of Nazi ward-healers who listened to the Hitler speech, belated, doctored and turned on the Heils and Selb Heils at the cues indicated in the script.

But, if I am a judge, this applause did not compare in volume or barbaric excitement with former speeches. At the end of previous Hitler speeches, there were at least ten or fifteen minutes of trivial frenzy. There was no more than a minute this time. The drums must be sobering up slightly.

Goebbels, in introducing his moth-eaten Savior, repeated the gloomy crack he made about a month ago: "Formerly we wished for victory, as a way of glory and conquest. Now we simply must have victory, or we perish."

It all adds up to something, I believe. Never again do I want to be a wishful thinker, while these Nazi beasts are at large. But I do sense, in this radio speech, a slight weakening of the whole ponderous and formerly "invincible" machine.

They crushed the German people. They stripped them of every right. They gagged them, flogged them, converted them from human beings into terrorized cannon fodder.

Yet the Nazis still have to make these "Socialist" appeals to the people.

Here is a hopeful sign for us. But let us not overestimate it. Hitler still has another year or two of war left in his Axis. And the German people are still bound with the most scientific chains ever forged by a tyrant.

They cannot walk free until we have broken the locks. That's the simple truth. The military might of fascism must be smashed before the people can rise. That's our job. We dare not be diverted by speculations on European revolution. The time is not yet. Too many fanatics in uniform are still anxious to die for the barbarous leaders of fascism and their hopes for a conquered world.

Mr. Biddle, Air Warden  
Ann Sheridan and Ronald Reagan, who can now be seen in "Kings Row," Warner Bros. production of the Henry Bellman best-seller, have been assigned by the studio to co-star in "Peter Biddle, Air Warden."

The story is an original by Edwin Gilbert, who also is writing the screen play. It is on the Warner schedule to follow "Shadow of Their Wings" in which Miss Sheridan, Reagan and Dennis Morgan are co-starred.

Chinese Co-ops in Book  
In "China Builds for Democracy," Nym Wales (Mrs. Edgar Snow) tells the dramatic story of the growth of the Industrial Co-operative Movement since 1938 in China. Writing from personal experience, she tells the history of a movement which has brought ever increasing supplies of guns, munitions, and uniforms to the ill-equipped Chinese soldiers, and employment to 250,000 destitute refugees.

## They're in Conference



Katherine Hepburn sits casually on the floor, discussing a point with Joe Mankiewicz, the producer of "Woman of the Year," who reflects over his pipe. Michael Kanis, co-author of the story, which opens next week at the Music Hall, looks on when he has an idea.

## Slim Pepper Has a Few Notions About Folk-Songs

By Jean Brennan

"A union or anti-fascist song ought to have the wallop of humor behind it," says "Slim" Pepper, the "social signifi" song man. And if he runs across a good tune with a good idea, he's likely to haul out his writing experience and stick in some new lines—funny ones.

"Slim" also writes whole new songs to sing with his guitar; this is the latest verse he's added to his "New Washington Breakdown":

Nazis need their home-folks  
clothes  
Because their ears and toes got  
frozen—  
Corsets on them,  
Women's hose,  
And a big Red sock upon their  
nose.

And then there's this song about  
that friend and benefactor of the  
people, Mr. Martin Dies, with its  
chorus:

Oh, farmer, and worker,  
Take a load of Dies' lies away—  
Dump this pay-day lie in Hitler's  
lap—  
Then we can holler Hooray!

## Chips of Comedy Fall Everywhere

And in the verses, chips of comedy fall in every direction: Dies says he'll starve the Nazis out, then he goes to dinner with Fritz Kuhn; and Dies says "We hate subversive things," but when someone suggests questioning "Adolph" Lindbergh, he whispers frantically, "Hey, ash, you fool-pipe down!"

Folk-songs sometimes need re-writing too. "Slim" figures that since folk-songs are really a product of many people, and go through a lot of regional variations, he's not taking undue liberties if he sticks in an "extra gag here and there, or turns a semi-rhyme into a real one. "The people who made our folk-songs just sang along without planning ahead much," he says, "and that's why there's sometimes a rhyme that just doesn't. And that's why so many folk-songs have the same line repeated to give the singer a chance to think up his or her next lines. It's amazing how well some of these songs compress a whole idea, dramatically expressed, into just two lines, or even one, especially when one considers the casual way they're composed."

This song man does a lot of acting when he sings. "I throw my face around in the way he puts it, and my voice too. It helps. In songs like 'A Frog Went A-Wooding,' 'Bookin' Older Through A Straw,' and some of the union songs, there's almost as much acting as singing to be done."

## To Make You Laugh And Think Too

"Slim" Pepper has two aims in singing for people—to make them laugh, and to make them think. Not all the songs he sings are funny—some, like "Song of Freedom," are quite serious, and then he brings his baritone voice around to a fuller, richer tone and expresses all the pathos, all the fire, that exists in the words.

Songs that are by or about the Negro people are among his favorites. "I never neglect to include Negro songs when performing," he declares, "because we must never for one moment forget that the Negro suffers doubly, and that the rest of the American people are not free until the Negro is free." In line with this feeling, "Slim" has written a song beginning:

I am a white man,  
My friend is black—  
They would divide us if they  
could.

But we won't let them,  
We stand together  
With ten million like us, as we  
should.

Another song that "Slim" sings with deep feeling is "Jim Crow," with its angry final line, "If we believe in liberty, put an end to slavery of Jim Crow." "Slim" first learned this song while singing in the chorus of the former Youth Workshop; it was a bass part he learned there. "Been singing that last part as a solo ever since," says he, "and people like it that way."

SLIM PEPPER

"Slim" Pepper began singing to make people laugh and think just last winter. Before that, he dipped into a number of different cultural fields to express his faith in people.

At times he's been a free-lance journalist, a photographer, actor, painter, and writer. But singing songs of the people is his main job now, and he takes it very seriously; he will re-consider and revise carefully even a single word in a song, thinking of its political and social effect, as well as its humor.

He knows the importance of a sound technical basis for his art, and is looking about for aid in further voice-training. "I had the luck to have a good teacher, train me free for a while," he declared, "but I guess it couldn't last forever. And the Adult Education program, suffering from many slashes, has lots of inadequacies."

"Slim" sings often for lodges of the International Workers Order, which arranges his appearances, and for unions, war-aid affairs, summer camps, house-parties, forums, and other groups. Wherever he shows up, people cheer up, think deep, and go into action.

## Meet Your Navy: A Variety Show on WJZ at 8:30 P.M.

Margaret Webster, theatrical director, guest on WNYC, 4:45 P. M. Meet Your Navy, variety show on WJZ, 8:30 P. M. NBC Symphony on WJZ, 9:30 P. M. Red Skelton show, WPA, 10:30 P. M.

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| 7:00-WOR-News; Musical Clock<br>WNYC-Symphony<br>WJZ-Breakfast Symphony<br>Program             | 5:30-WOR-Jack Armstrong-Children's<br>Program  |
| 8:00-WOR-Deaf Imogene-Food<br>WJZ-Dinner of Tomorrow<br>WABC-News                              | 8:45-WPA-Civilian Defense Information<br>Program   |
| 9:00-WOR-Masterwork Hour<br>WJZ-Composers Corner<br>WABC-News                                  | 9:00-WOR-Uncle Don-Children's<br>Program   |
| 9:15-WABC-School of the Air-Music of<br>the Americas   | 9:15-WABC-Vitality Race-Plants<br>WQXR-Music to Remember   |
| 9:30-WABC-Three Marketers<br>WPA-Market Basket<br>WJZ-Best of Variety                          | 9:15-WJZ-Sports  |
| 10:00-WOR-Food Talk-Alfred McCann<br>WNYC-Travel Hour<br>WQXR-Columbia of the Air              | 9:30-WOR-Voice of Broadway<br>WABC-Draft Information<br>WNYC-Draft Information   |
| 10:45-WNYC-Social Hygiene Day<br>WQXR-Alma Kitchell's Streamline<br>Journal                    | 9:45-WOR-Her's Morgan<br>WABC-World Today  |
| 11:00-WOR-Transradio News<br>WABC-Experimental Kitchen<br>WQXR-Other People's Business<br>Hour | 10:00-WOR-Listeners Favorites<br>WNYC-Pan Magazine   |
| 11:15-WOR-Bessie Betty-Women's<br>Hour   | 10:15-WPA-FBI in Nat'l Defense<br>Variety  |
| 11:30-WJZ-Prescott Presents-Variety<br>WQXR-Symphonic Interlude                                | 10:30-WOR-Burns and Allen<br>WJZ-Vi. Hunt Lopez Orch.  |
| 11:45-WNYC-Yet and Your Health-Talk<br>12:00-WABC-Magic Carpet<br>WPA-News                     | 10:45-WNYC-Johnny Presents-Variety<br>WJZ-Out-Rhumba Revue-Margie<br>WOR-What's My Name-Quiz<br>WABC-Missing Heirs-Dramatization |
| 12:30-WOR-Deep River Boys-Negro<br>Quartet<br>WJZ-Farm and Home Hour<br>WOR-Transradio News    | 10:50-WOR-Grunt-Anderson<br>WABC-We, the People-Edie<br>WQXR-News Commentator  |
| 1:00-WPA-Mary Margaret McBride<br>WJZ-News Commentator<br>WQXR-Your Request Program            | 11:00-WOR-Anwar Man<br>WABC-Philly McGee and Molly<br>Variety  |
| 1:15-WJZ-Between the Bookends with<br>Ted Malone<br>WNYC-Town Hall Club Luncheon<br>WABC-News  | 11:15-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 2:00-WJZ-U. S. Army Band<br>WOR-Maria Deane<br>WABC-What Freedom Means                         | 11:30-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 2:30-WOR-News; Beauty Talk<br>WQXR-Readers and Writers<br>WABC-News Commentator                | 11:45-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 3:00-WOR-News; Beauty Talk<br>WQXR-Readers and Writers<br>WABC-News Commentator                | 12:00-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 3:30-WABC-News<br>WQXR-Your Request Program  | 12:15-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 4:00-WABC-News<br>WQXR-Your Request Program  | 12:30-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 4:30-WABC-News<br>WQXR-Your Request Program  | 12:45-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator   |
| 5:00-WJZ-Adventure Stories-Children's<br>Program<br>WNYC-Concert Orch.-Piotrkoff               | 1:00-WOR-News Commentator<br>WJZ-News Commentator  |

## Another Musical Film Treatment of Schubert

NEW YORK. Produced by William Seely. Directed by Reinhold Schunert. Released by United Artists. At the Little Carnegie Playhouse.

By David Platt

"New Wine" is supposed to be about Franz Schubert, one of the world's great composers, but if you omit the music, it could be about Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Don Ameche, or any popular song writer. No one could possibly be less like the real Schubert—who was a frank, open-hearted, popular and beloved personality—as well as a great composer—than the puny character portrayed so indifferently by Alan Curtis.

It is hard to believe that the lustreless individual at the piano in "New Wine" could be capable of composing anything as important as the Symphony in C Major or the Unfinished Symphony. Hard to believe that this man who has only Anna on his brain and not once in the entire film says one word to explain the music or his politics, has any relation to the real Schubert who won the admiration of the world for his symphonies, masses, operas, chamber works and miscellaneous pieces and songs. Is this the Schubert who set Helne to music and wrote more fluently than most people talk? Is this the Schubert who won the attention of Beethoven and never blotted a line? What a marvelous film could be made about the composer of the Rosamunde Overture—the man who fought music publishers all his life—the man who understood the currents of his time!

"New Wine" is not that film. It gives us Schubert in a vacuum, without the background and the life that made him one of the most prolific composers in the history of music. It gives us Schubert without the revolutionary stirrings. It is a musical comedy version of Schubert's life in which Schubert is a minor character, a weak character. There is a much stronger personality in "New Wine" but it is not Schubert. It is Schubert's inspiration, a forgotten Hungarian lady played by Thelma Lester. She is the big thrill in his life. She feeds him when he is hungry. Sees Beethoven in his behalf. Takes his music to the publishers. She is the whole works. This, to me, is like making a film about Lou Gehrig in which Lou is a secondary character and the big personality plus is coach Earl Combs on the first base sideline. Only producers with a distorted set of values could ever devise such a plot.

Schubert's music is in "New Wine" all right—plenty of it—but it has little to do with Schubert. For example, there is Alan Curtis shearing sheep and falling in love in Hungary and there is Schubert's real journey in Hungary. Schubert was attracted by the Hungarian folk-songs and the idiom and wrote the "Divertissement a L'Hongrois" and the "String Quartet in A Minor," neither of which is played in the Hungarian scenes of "New Wine." This is what makes you so sore. The whole film partakes of this phon quality—the Carnegie Hall-Schubert Memorial opening shots as well as the subsequent dramatization of the program notes.

Of the minor characters, we liked Billy Gilbert who is always himself no matter what film he is in, and the few moments in which Albert Basserman appears as Ludwig von Beethoven.

## At College



Olivia de Havilland co-stars with Henry Fonda in Warners' forthcoming "The Heiress." She plays wife to Fonda's college professor.

## Film Festival for Russian War Relief At Bridge Theatre

The Bridge Theatre (at 178th St. and St. Nicholas Ave.) announces that beginning Friday, Feb. 6, it will present a Film Festival for the benefit of the Russian War Relief composed of a series of specially selected outstanding Soviet, French, English and American films. The entire proceeds realized from this festival will be donated to the Russian War Relief Inc. The programs follow:

- Feb. 6 and 7—The French film, "Ballarina," starring Mia Slavenska, and the American film by Preston Sturges, "The Great McGinty," with accompanying group of Russian short films.
- Feb. 8, 9 and 10—"Wings of Victory," the epic of the Soviet flier, Valeri Chkalov, and "Artists and Models Abroad," with Jack Benny and Joan Bennett.
- Feb. 11 and 12—"Young Mr. Lincoln," starring Henry Fonda and "Stars Look Down" from the A. J. Cronin novel with Michael Redgrave, Emlyn Williams and Margaret Lockwood.
- Feb. 13, 14 and 15—The Soviet musical comedy, "Volga, Volga," and "The Big Store" with the Marx Brothers.

## COAST TO COAST

by MIKE QUIN

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

HERR PROFESSOR labored through the pages of his report with stoic persistence. He sensed that it wasn't going over.

Der Fuehrer had begun to drum his fingers on the table top and purse his lips in annoyance. Marshal Goering had relaxed back with a broad, amused smile. Minister Goebbels glowered like an angry pruned.

"Thus we see that their war potential, compared with the war potential of Germany—" said the professor.

Hitler cut him off with a jerk of his hand. "That's enough," he said. "Don't read any more."

Goering leaned forward slightly. "The Herr Professor knows nothing of the character of the American people," he said. "Certainly they have the materials. Certainly they have the potential strength. But the people—" He laughed loudly.

Goebbels extended a thin arm across the table, tapping with a claw-like finger. "The manufacturers and industrialists," he said, "are interested mainly in making money. They profiteering and their lack of cooperation will demoralize the public. Most Americans remember the last war and feel that all wars are corrupt. After twelve years of depression they have become cynical. Enormous numbers of them are physically unfit through undernourishment and lack of medical care."

"Don't forget," said Hitler, "the wealthy class of America still hates the Soviets, and they have been propagandizing for twenty years to make the people hate the Soviets. The state of confusion, hesitation and doubt is tremendous."

Goering chuckled in satisfaction. "Every working man in America," he said, "will say: 'This is not my war. To hell with it. I'm looking after myself.'"

"Consider this," said Hitler. "As soon as Japan comes in, our agents in America, and a lot of American fools, will start saying: 'This is a race war to protect the white man's civilization.' This will end them off from their twelve million Negroes, from the Latin America, and will even weaken the solidarity of China."

"Americans are all drunk up in their own little private lives," said Goebbels. "They just build along and hope everything comes out in the wash, as they say. They are divided against each other and don't trust each other."

"Americans are fools," said Goering. "They scramble each for his own and believe in nothing. They can no more organize their war potential than a cage of monkeys. They hate war, and they feel war is corrupt. So they will not defend themselves. We shall conquer them easily."

Herr Professor held out the pages of his report in supplication. "Hear me through," he said. "I have considered those things. But people change in the face of a challenge. The American people will come to realize all their handicaps very quickly and will take steps to correct them. They will unite. They will organize. They will determine to make this war their own. The memory of the disillusion of the last war will make them all the stronger in their determination this time to see to it their aims are achieved."

"Bah!" exclaimed Hitler. "They are hopeless fools."

"You cannot change human nature," said Goebbels.

"Isn't that right, Hermann?" demanded Hitler.

Goering spoke slowly, as if thinking aloud. "If the people should wake up and take over the war—if they decided to make the war their own—"

"Treason," snapped Goebbels.

"The Americans are sound asleep. They are dumb. They are so hopelessly confused by it all they will be helpless to resist us," repeated Hitler. "That is my decision. I say it is so."

"You said the Russians were dumb also," reminded Goering. "If the Americans are asleep," said Herr Professor, "you would do wisely not to wake them up. Just because a man is bothered by fleas does not mean he will be so busy scratching that he will not bother to defend himself from a mad dog. To the contrary, he's apt to forget about his fleas bites for the moment."

"By flea bites, I take it you mean their internal troubles," said Goering. "I have heard of men who can scratch fleas and fight mad dogs all at the same time."

"Just who is this mad dog we are discussing?" asked Hitler.

Workshop Courses In Journalism At Writers School

The doubly important role of the labor press in war-time is being considered in two practical workshop courses conducted at the Writers' School by Alexander L. Crosby, news editor of Federated Press. Under Mr. Crosby's direction, members of the group discuss the problem of streamlining labor papers for more effective work during the war emergency.

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NEW YORK, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1942

## On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

New York University's athletic heads broke a few standing and sitting records for backtracking last week. After announcing a meeting to "consider dropping football for the duration of the war," they let the matter peter out quietly for the present.

What happened to change their minds?

Mainly they found they weren't kidding anyone. Neither students, alumni nor sports writers. Everyone knew that the reason for dropping football at the largest university in the country was not the war at all, but merely the fact that the football team had become a losing proposition financially . . . what the trustees call "a white elephant."

In brief the NYU heads were apparently trying to use the war as a patriotic out for their fumbling football policy, which had been under fire long before Dec. 7, 1941.

NYU's football teams have been losing money because the administration adopted a strangely inconsistent policy of cutting down on the scholarship inducements for players in the name of "purity," and continuing to book the big, attractive name teams at the Stadium at the usual preposterously high prices. The results, very logically, were a series of awesome beatings for the team and apathetic crowds of 4,000 rattling around in the huge Yankee ballyard every Saturday.

Now this is not a brief for wholesale subsidizing of players, though we find nothing at all wrong in giving a player an education and additional expenses in return for services rendered on the gridiron. If NYU wanted to try the near impossible, returning to the dead days of "pure amateurism" that existed in football before the gate receipts made it a big business, that was certainly their business. But continuing to book powerhouse teams like Tulane and charging the usual prices for a practically pre-ordained 49-0 shellacking became the business of the players, students and alumni. And those groups met and attacked the inconsistencies of NYU's policy, offering remedies.

The answer the NYU heads gave to the call for a constructive change in the situation was the announcement that they were "considering the matter of dropping etc., etc." Quite a statesmanlike approach at a time when most universities are trying to modernize and extend their sports programs in line with the drive for greater fitness for victory in the war.

The resultant howl of protest apparently changed the athletic department's mind on dropping football—at least temporarily. NYU students certainly had every right to view with suspicion their athletic department's announcement. It was a little more than a year ago when the powers that be in the local institution Jim Crowed a Negro football player out of the game with Missouri despite a tremendous student protest which involved every campus organization.

Colleges throughout the land have decided to keep their competitive sport teams going through the war period. The skill and training acquired in football, baseball, track and basketball certainly will never make an American soldier any less effective in modern warfare, while "calls for more quick individual initiative than ever before." The very variety of sports programs going, while important, should not be the main thing in schools' athletic programs. The NYU athletic heads, rather than dropping any sports, might well study the precedent already set at such institutions as Cornell and Harvard, where full, scientific programs for the general physical fitness of all students have already been instituted in addition to the regular varsity schedules. Men of college age are mighty important for victory.

## Ex-Table Tennis Champ Card Prospect

The Name Is Blattner—And You'll Hear More About Him Soon

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30 (UP).—General manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals has handled such great keystone players as Frankie Frisch and Rogers Hornsby, but said today that he was confident rookie Buddy Blattner would develop into one of baseball's greatest second basemen.

Rickey, usually ultra-conservative when it comes to rating rookies, ranks Blattner, a 21-year-old youth from St. Louis, as a potential great chiefly because of the unusual speed and coordination he developed as a table tennis expert before concentrating on baseball.

At 18 he won the International Table Tennis Championship at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and repeated the following year at Baden, Austria.

## MARTIN PROTEGE

Pepper Martin, manager of the Sacramento Seals, has carefully groomed Blattner to stick in the majors. Last season with the Seals, Buddy stole 25 bases, batted in 95 runs, had an average of .285 and rapped out 17 homers. Imbued with Pepper's spirit, Blattner says, "I like to hold when I'm on the field. I like a lead game. I like Pepper's kind of baseball."

Rickey never openly approved of Martin's antics on or off the diamond but is thoroughly sold on the brand of ball his newest freshman plays. Branch says "this kid Blattner should become one of the great players of his generation. There isn't any question about it. There isn't anything done in a baseball uniform he cannot do."

Blattner is almost certain to stick with the Cards this season as an infield replacement even if he doesn't take over the second base job from Frank Crespi, who is in selective service Class 3-A because of dependents. Blattner isn't likely to be affected soon by the draft, either, because he is married.

Buddy still plays table tennis occasionally, but "just for fun." Before he retired from the game at 17, he played baseball for fun but "worked" at table tennis.

Buddy credits table tennis for his progress in baseball. "I think table tennis is the greatest game for coordination of mind and body there is," he said. "It's so fast and confined that it takes all possible coordination to keep a ball so light in an area so small. That coordination certainly helps when a line drive comes screaming over the pitcher's head into your territory."

## Red Drops Decision

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 2 (UP).—Welterweight boxing champion Freddie (Red) Cochrane, a boxing instructor at the naval training station here, was reported in good condition today at the naval hospital after suffering head injuries when struck by an automobile. Four stitches were needed to close the scalp laceration.

## 'Kraut Line' Joins RCAF In Body



The famous Boston Bruin hockey line of Schmidt, Bauer and Dumont passes its physical examination en masse and joins the Royal Canadian Air Force shortly. The boys, known affectionately to hockey followers as "the Kraut line" composed a dynamic scoring unit.

## Off the Backboard:

## Negro '5' Edged B'klyn in Capital; Holub Hits Peak; Experiment Works

## Fast Carolina Team Beats Locals 37-34

Brooklyn College, which met the North Carolina for Negroes basketball team in Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C., Saturday night reports that it was beaten 37-34 by a "tall, strong and fast team."

The game was enthusiastically received and the greatest cordiality existed. There was a "nice spirit" about the whole occasion, reports the Brooklyn College manager, who also mentions the unusually small amount of fouling, only seven being called against each team.

Brooklyn was trailing 37-17 halfway through the second half and put on a brilliantly sustained 17-point rally while holding Carolina scoreless, only to fall short by three points. Captain Ennis of the winners sank seven field goals for 14 points, while Mel Hiron led Brooklyn as usual with nine.

## HOLUB HITS PEAK

Belated reports seeping back from Albright, Pennsylvania, reveal that Dick Holub scored no less than 30 points in LIU's victory. The development of the tall, young youngster from a clumsy sophomore substitute to a truly great center is the most dramatic

## Local 88 Plays Negro Regiment '5'

The crack basketball team of Local 88, Fur Dymers, will meet the team of 372nd Infantry Regiment, a Negro Regiment, at the St. Peter Claver gymnasium in Brooklyn tomorrow night. The gym is located at 1 Jefferson Ave. and the game begins at 6:30 P. M. to accommodate the soldier's schedule. This is another in the series of trade union-army games which have been greatly successful in promoting fraternity.

Individual development of the year. LIU plays host to Wheaton of Illinois at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy gym tonight.

## BOUQUET

A note from A. Garfield of E. 18th St. makes us feel pretty good today. It mentioned the fact that he and a friend had seen the LIU-West Texas State game and been disappointed in the comparative meagre treatment the other papers gave such a thrilling tilt. "We thought the teams deserved greater praise. So it was very gratifying and educational to read your story in the Daily Worker which we thought deserved a bouquet of orchards—your thorough analysis of the game—your careful thorough, workmanship certainly put those other papers in the shadow."

Thanks, boys. We have the feeling that most sports editors still underplay basketball as a heritage of the past—before it became far and away the most popular winter pastime in the country.

The experiment of posting referees up in the air was pretty successful at Portland, Oregon the other night. You could "spot the players every move." Said one of the players, "I found I couldn't get away with some of the tricks I formerly used so I quit trying." The referees, perched high behind the basket, called the fouls and announced the reason via microphones, and the players never argued. Somebody on the floor to handle the ball and throw it up for taps was of course found necessary. There'll be further trials held, with improvements worked out. Can you picture Pat Kennedy in a little ball?

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## MacPhail Sets the Keynote For Baseball in War Time

## Dodger Prexy Hits 'Baseball As Usual' On One Hand, Refutes Hysterical Cry of 'All Must Enlist' on Other

By Scorer

The Baseball Writers' Association's 1942 dinner will go down in history as the most significant gathering in the history of American professional sports. And it was Larry MacPhail, the irrepressible president of the Dodgers, who gave it that importance.

The writers and their 1,000 guests had gathered in the ballroom of the Hotel Commodore to dine and to applaud a rip-roaring satirical show which literally ripped off the dignity of the assembled magnates, statesmen and ball players. Everyone from FDR and Mayor La Guardia (who was present) and Judge Landis, down to the reporter for the Daily Worker took it on the chin. And liked it.

But later, much later—after many speeches had been made—MacPhail rose to speak. He had been ribbed from stem to stern, and nothing indicated that he would sound a keynote for baseball for the period of the war.

MacPhail met the issue head on. He told the assemblage that, despite President Roosevelt's letter urging normal baseball as a morale-builder, and Mayor La Guardia's assurance that the game should continue even if air raids hit the American continent, that the national game is under fire.

The reason? Because many people will not be convinced that a professional sport should be emphasized at a time when American boys are dying on battlefields.

MacPhail brilliantly showed that baseball fulfilled its obligation in the first World War, reciting a long list of baseball men of today who served in the armed forces in France.

He then attacked certain persons, among whom the sports editor of the New York Daily News has been prominent, who have been urging that baseball players volunteer for service. The Dodger president read a letter from General Hershey, head of the Selective Service Bureau, who urged that baseball players, in common with all other Americans, not volunteer but hold themselves ready to obey the draft as the government decides that it needs them. Gen. Hershey pointed out that young men of draft age should answer questions about their availability to the best of their ability, and that the efficiency of the armed forces would be improved if they entered the service when the government found the exact spot for them, rather than make their own choice.

After making this point, MacPhail outlined a program for baseball, which is being taken up today at the joint meeting of the major leagues with Judge Landis. It is as follows:

1—Move this year's all-star game from Little Ebbets Field to the spacious Polo Grounds and let the winner or a combination American-National team face an all-star service team in some mid-western city on Tuesday night following the Monday all-star game to be played there.

2—Let every one in organized baseball, including the players, accept a percentage of his salary in defense bonds.

3—Set aside a part of every admission to buy a bombing plane, which he suggests, might appropriately be named Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

4—Make use of every open date before and during the season for major league clubs to play service teams at Army and Navy camps.

Best of all, MacPhail emphatically placed baseball on record as going all out for victory against the fascist-aggressors. Too many baseball personalities have attempted to take the war in stride, as something which must be endured. Not MacPhail. He sounded the four notes for V-for-Victory so loudly that no one present will forget.

## Rams vs. Missouri

Fordham University and the University of Missouri, opponents in the Sugar Bowl football game at New Orleans this year, will meet again next season at either the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds on Nov. 21.

## Social Hygiene Conference

Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, personal physician to President Roosevelt and surgeon general of the United States Navy, will be one of the principal speakers at the tenth annual regional conference on Social Hygiene, which will convene at the Hotel Astor on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The conference, sponsored by the Social Hygiene Committee of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association in cooperation with 114 public and voluntary agencies, will be attended by an estimated 3,000 persons. The sessions begin at 10 A. M. and conclude at 5:30 P. M. The afternoon session will be on the air over WNYC between 2 and 3 P. M. It was announced.

## Hank Makes 'Daily News' Look Foolish

## Modestly Lauds Hugh Mulcahy, Others At Dinner

Hank Greenberg, Mel Ott and Joe DiMaggio were honored with plaques at Sunday evening's dinner of the baseball scribes. It was left to tell, handsome Hank in his sergeant's uniform to hand a resounding reproof to Jimmy Powers, sports editor of the Daily News. Powers had attacked the baseball writers selection of Greenberg, who was rewarded for his service in the Army. The Daily News columnist raising the question in an "Irish vs. Jewish" manner said that another plaque should have been given Hugh Mulcahy, Philly pitcher, who preceded Hank into the service by several months.

Here's the way Hank modestly put it:

"This is the second time I've been honored by the New York baseball writers. The first time was in 1935, when I was named the 'player of the year,' and in due modesty, I felt deserved it. But this is something different. I am accepting this plaque for extraordinary service not for myself alone but for all the ball players who are serving in the armed forces of the country—for Feller and Mulcahy and Sam Chapman and all the others."

That's hitting for the circuit, Hank.

## Angott's Side Of the Story

## Reminds All and Sundry He Beat Monty, and IS the Champ

In Nat Finkelstein's all-time ring record book, on page 394, there is a line in Sammy Angott's record which reads:

Nov. 26, 1940 . . . Bob Montgomery . . . Philadelphia . . . W 10.

Nevertheless, the boxing writers who voted in various polls at the close of 1941 placed Montgomery over Angott in their ratings of lightweights.

That is manifestly going against the evidence. But Angott hopes to make everything clear and unmistakable when he opposes Montgomery again in a twelve-round match at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. Another convincing victory over Montgomery, Angott believes, should rout the skeptics.

"After all," says Angott, "I am the world lightweight champion. And I won the title by defeating Lew Jenkins in fifteen rounds. The best Montgomery could get with Jenkins was an even split in two fights."

"I licked Tommy Spiegel with no trouble but I notice that Montgomery was beaten by Spiegel. I breezed through to a win over Normant Quarles but Montgomery, while beating Quarles in one fight, was held to a draw in another. Montgomery knocked out Wahy Jones but I trounced Jones twice. He licked Jimmy Vaughn but so did I. He knocked out Davey Day in a round but I softened Day up for him when I trounced Davey to win the NBA title."

"That covers the fighters each of us has met but when we met each other I won decisively. It looks, though, as if I'll have to do it again and so I will, on Friday."

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